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Date	To whom Sent	Substance
15th Feby	Board of Revenue	Transmitting certain documents in explanation of an advance of Rs 500 made in 1832 to Vailoonagai[illegible] &c of Allienjam village who promised among other things to found a new village at Thempalanji, bring the land under cultivation and pay the Govt. Rs 2000 a year, on their being subjected to a favourable rent.
20th Do	Collector of Tinnevelly	Requesting to put an end to the encroachments made by the Maniachee Zemindar and to communicate any specific claims he may have for so doing.
27 Do	Board of Revenue	Stating that the manager of the Ramnad Zemindary has addressed him requesting permission for the usual maunium boats of the Rameswaram & other temples being allowed on their claims in the approaching Pearl Fishery and

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			and requesting [illegible] on the subject, [illegible] ference to his lett[illegible] 14th October last
31	21st Feby	Board of Revenue	Submitting [illegible] ment of Inam [illegible] be granted to the [illegible] and Curnoms &c [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] sanction for [illegible]
8	1st March	Chief Secretary to Govt. Fort St George	Requesting the [illegible] of Govt. for entir[illegible] pension in the na[illegible] the Carnatic Pens[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Comm[illegible]
85	3rd Do.	Secretary to the Board of Revenue, P. W. Dept. Fort St George	Stating that he ha[illegible] formed a plan for ov[illegible] coming the difficulties experienced in traffic to construct a causeway over the River [illegible] which should be of sufficient accommodation till the sanction already [illegible]

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			for throwing a bridge over the river, by making use of the Stones in the Fort of Madura, could be obtained.
89. ~~88~~	4th March	Collr of Tinnevelly	Requesting to fix a day for the punctual attendance of the partys Complaining either before himself or any of his offic for the Settlement of the boundary in dispute between Shikargoody and Poovunnay.
91	9th Do	Board of Revenue	Transmitting a Statement of the revenue deriv from certain temples in his District from the Pea Fisheries of Mannar an Tuticorin and Stating that he thinks Rs 6700 be the average of the last th fisheries will be a fair Compensation in lieu of the right of employin boats under the Ceylon Gover

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118.	20th Mar	Off. Secretary to the Board of Revenue P. W. Dept. Fort St George	Requesting permission to make use of 2000 yards of Stone from the dilapidated Fort of Madura or from the ruined palace for the purpose of constructing a causeway over the river Vaigai, close to the Fort of Madura; also urging the necessity of employing convicts on this important work.
136	4th 5th April	Collr of Tinnevelly	Requesting with reference to the Settlement of the boundary dispute between Shikargoody and Poovannay to appoint a more distant period than the 15th instt. to enable the inhabitants of Poovannay to prosecute their complaints before him
59.	13th Do	Board of Revenue	Stating that under the authority of the Board dated the 12th September last

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			12th September last, Arinaji Ra[illegible] the Tahsildar of Thenkarai ha[illegible] completed the erection of a chuttrom at Alagapury a[illegible] a cost of Rs 715-11-6 and re-questing sanction for the gran[illegible] of [illegible] waste land assess[illegible] at Rs 60 per annum.
61.	22d April	Board of Revenue	Reporting that a reconcilia[illegible] has taken place between the [illegible] Manager of Ramnad and the Pundarom of Rameswaram and that the latter has been reintrusted with his legitim[illegible] rights.
62	Do	Do Do	Reporting upon the condi[illegible] and situation of a chuttr[illegible] at Mallipandy and the amou[illegible] of outlay required for its rep[illegible] and annual support.
165	25th Do	Collr of Coimbatore	Forwarding an addre[illegible] from

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			from the Tahsildar of Iyempully and stating that it has always been usual for the inhabitants of Iyempully to draw water by Paccotahs from the channel in question
179	28th April	Sub Collr in charge of Tinnevelly	Requesting him to send the Olagoo accounts of fusli 1211 for Podutkuttay village in the Paunelly Zemindary in order to enable him to settle the boundary dispute between that village and the village of Chittoor in Tirumangalam
16.	29th Do	Secretary to Govt Fort St George	Recommending that Ramaswamy Naick should be allowed to draw a portion of the pension granted in the name of his relative, a Candian Pensioner, direct in his own name, and that that portion should be fixed at Rs 8½ p. m, the portion lapsing with his life.

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69.	15th May	Board of Revenue	Stating in reply to the Board's Procs of the 4th instt, that he is at a loss how to recommend that Govt should lay out money in the repair of the choultry at Mullepaudy which the proprietor has the right to dispose of by sale, if he pleases, but recommending a grant in money for the support of the choultry and for the maintenance of the Shrotriemdar.
204	17th Do	Resident of Travancore	Stating that by turning a [illegible] portion of the waters of the Chinna Mooliaur into the Corodyaur the revenue of the Company would be vastly increased and requests therefore his good offices in obtaining the consent [illegible] Rajah of Travancore to the execution of [illegible]
71.	19th Do	Board of Revenue	Reporting with reference to the letter of the 7th September 1836 the [illegible] the widow of the late Zemindar of

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			of Gumtamanaickanur has herself reported her miscarriage and requesting authority to acknowledge the nephew of the late Zemindar as Proprietor and to hold the estate under wardship during his minority; Stating also that the estate is under attachment for arrears. [not found either in the file or in the Section Book; copy of the letter sent to Sheristadar on the 7th June 1866 as pencilled in the Section Book].
~~216~~ 215	30th May	Resident of Tanjore	Stating that the Thevaloor people have no claim to the crops said to have been forcibly carried away by the Poolancurichi ryots.
3	4th June	Board of Revenue	Requesting instructions whether lands not entered as Inam in the Permanent Settlement accounts but subsequently alienated in favour of relations of

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			of Zemindars should in attaching the Zemindaries be resumed or left in the hands of their holders. [not found in the file.]
26.	26th June	Secretary to Govt. Political Dept. Fort St. George	Explaining that the Ramaswami Naicker recommended for a pension of Rs 8½ p.m. is not the Ramaswami Naicken of [illegible] Peter's list of the 16 April 1823 which latter person is dependent upon the Son of his late brother-in-law Mootooswami Naick, in whose name has been received his deceased father's pension on a reduced scale
248.	27th Do	Sub Collr. Thovaranacurichi	Requesting to furnish him with full information on certain points connected with the choultry of [illegible] Mullepandy for its early transmission to the Board of Revenue
86.	Do	Board of Revenue	Reporting as requested by the Board under what authority the decision

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			decision was passed by him in the amblone murasay dispute ~~between~~ of Murdoo Shervaga versus Veerappen.
87	28th June	Secretary to the Board of Revenue P.W. Dept., Fort St George.	Submitting his opinion on the different points contained in the Memo of Lieut. Best for improving the System of carrying on works of irrigation and which was forwarded to him by the Board along with their circular of the 15th inst.
88	Do	Board of Revenue	Requesting sanction for a grant of waste land assessed at Rs 6 per annum for the supp… of a choultry built at Nuttapa… in his District under the permission of the then Pl. Collr. Mr. Vincash.
89	Do	Do Do	Recommending that Subbrama… Pillai of Sulienputtti may be …

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			authorised to erect a chuttram at the village under the provision of the existing rules.
90.	29th June	Board of Revenue	Reporting that the practice of pilgrim hunting is followed only by the inhabitants of Ramesaram in this District chiefly to their own profit without any reference to the revenue ~~of~~ [illegible] the mode of collection that the land alluded to in the 3rd para of the Board's letter, the revenue of which is entered in Col. 4 of Statement A submitted with his letter of the 4th October last and submitting his opinion that there can be no difficulty in giving up the lands to the Pagoda or saddling it with a quit rent equal to the average sum derived to Govt., and submitting a

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			a Statement of the portion of Govt. Share assigned as maunium to Devastanams considering the letter of the Govt. of India has reference to col. 2 Statement A as above. [The draft is not found in the file but the Statement only remains and vice versa in the Section Book]
278	12 July	Collr. of Tinnevelly	Forwarding for information copy of an address from the Ramnad Zemindar regarding the land in dispute between Seekargoody and Poonamay, the Kutgoortage Village of the Rameswaram Devastanam
	Do	Secretary to the Board of Revenue P.W. Depts. Fort St. George	Informing that under the orders of Govt. all the available convicts in the Madura Jail are employed in constructing a causeway over the Vaigai in the immediate vicinity of the Fort of Madura

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278	27th July	Ag Resident at Tanjore	Requesting him to settle the boundary dispute between Shevaloor and Poolamcurichi villages after making a personal inspection of the boundary line himself
324	15th Aug.	Do Do	Stating that he will readily subscribe to his decision regarding the boundary in dispute between Shevaloor and Poolamcurichi and requesting him to fix a day when he can conveniently visit the spot in question
343	25th Do	Collr of Tinnevelly	Forwarding the Pymash Olaes accounts of Poovanam village for certain faslies as requested and stating that the witnesses on the part of the Ramnad Zemindar will duly meet him at Coottatore

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115	26th aug	Board of Revenue	Furnishing further information respecting the Mullapaudy chuttrom
133	25th Sept	Civil Engr, 4th Dn, Palamcotah	Stating that he gives the fullest support to the prop of diverting a portion of the Chinna Mooliaur into the Periakolam Valley
136	3rd Octr	Board of Revenue	Reporting on the claims of certain Brahmins to $83\frac{15}{16}$ cawnies of land granted them on Dhurmasonam tenure in Vandapoody village by a Poligar of Muttom even before the company's assumption of the country and resumed in fusli 1232 by the Tahsildar of Melur on the plea of encroachment of circar land and recommending that the land may be restored to them.
132	4th Do	Civil Engr 4th Dn Tinnevelly	Forwarding a Statement showing

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			Showing the extent of land proposed to be brought under cultivation in the [illegible] T? if a channel be dug up from the Vaigai on the [illegible] of the Chittanai dam.
137	24th Octr	Board of Revenue	Stating that the Zeomeah allowance claimed by Sankara Narayana Shastry was originally granted from the funds of the Madura Pagoda but in fusli 12 when Tusdeeks were framed Petitioner's Zeomeah was discontinued from that source but paid direct by Govt and that there is no objection to the Zeomeah being again made payable from the Surplus in funds of the Meenakshi Pagoda.
153	8th Novr	Do	Do	Reporting the death of [illegible] Venkata Subba Baghavadar, a Zeomeahdar No 25. Tio District and requests

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			as to its continuance in the name of his Son Gopala.. Baghavadar.
159	15th Nov	Board of Revenue	Submitting his opinion as to the extent to which the Peishcush on the Ediacotah Estate should be reduced to enable the Poligar to resume its management
163	21st Do	Do Do	Submitting his opinion as to the extent to which the Peishcush on the Mambani Estate should be reduced to enable the Poligar to resume its management.
164	21 Do	Do Do	Submitting his opinion on the necessity of continuing the issue of grants of land for the support of choultries erected by individuals for the accommodation of native travellers.

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7th Decr	Secretary to the Board of Revenue P. W. Deptt. Fort St George	Furnishing certain info informations called for by the Board in their communication dated the 15th Sep relative to the Tumkum Bungalow at Madura

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To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward authenticated Copies of documents required in O. S. No. 18 of 1835 in 3 of the 4 Stampt Papers forwarded with your letter of the 3rd Ulto the remaining one Stampt paper is herewith returned as the document is not forthcoming in my Office —

I have also the honor to forward the original order of the Ramnad Zemindar to the Pullimadam Police Ameen Shanmoogum under date 23 Feby 1835, as required

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr

Madura 3rd Jany 1837

No. 5

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward authenticated Copies of the documents required in O. S. No. 146 of 1835 on the 6 Stampt papers forwarded with your letter of the 29th Ultimo

Madura 3rd Jany 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr

Memorandum

The Local Superintendent of Records at Dindigul is requested to correct the omission to write the amount in words in his receipts of the 1st instant; meantime the Prinl Collector begs to inform him an order has been passed on

the Taudicumbo Tasildar for payment –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 4th Jany 1837

The Local Supt. of Vaccination Dindigul –

No. 14

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward an authenticated Copy of the document required in O.S. No. 101 of 1835, pending before the Register, on one of the Stampt papers forwarded with your letter of the 5th instant – the other Stampt paper not being required is herewith returned –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 9th Jany 1837

No. 15

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 3rd instant, requiring authenticated Copies of documents in O.S. No. 108 of 1834, pending before the Register, I have the honor to forward a deposition taken from Vembyen a Gomastah of this Cutchery, together with a Tamil Memo. for your information – The documents not being forthcoming, as I had already the honor to inform you on the 19th ultimo, the 3 Stampt Papers are herewith returned –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 9th Jany 1837

No. 16

To the Principal Collector of Cuddapah

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the opium exported to this district in the month

of October last, alluded to in the statement dated 3d ultimo, forwarded by the Acting Head Assistant Collector, has not, as yet, arrived here -

Madura 9th Jany 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No 17

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I request you will be so good as to order the usual Vacation of the Court house in the Moodeswaram Pagoda from the 15th instant during the Celebration of the Meenadjafeady in the approaching festival of the Meenatchy Soondraswara Sawmy Davastanom at Madura -

Madura 9th Jany 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No 19

To W. C. Lockhart Esqr
Sub Collector of Madura at Madras

Sir

I have the honor to call your attention to my letter of the 21st Novr requesting the repayment into the Madura treasury of Rs 94-8-" overdrawn by you, and beg you will inform me of any steps you may be taking for its being sent to me -

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 10th Jany 1837

No 22

To the Deputy Assistant Commissary General Trichinopoly

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 15th Ulto I beg leave to inform you that, from the nature of the season, the Cultivation has been small, and much of the Crop has perished;

The selling price of the 1st 2d & 3d Sort of Paddy in the Madura Bazar at present is respectively 151. 136. and 124 Rs. per garce, and I hope it will not rise higher -

The scarcity is felt more heavily in Dindigul which is supplied from Caroor and Trichinopoly -

Coolty sells at 192, and Chenna at 226 Rs. per garce, the accompanying Memo: will shew you how small a quantity is procurable in the district -

The reports you will receive from other Collectors of the present state of their districts will enable you to form a more correct estimate of what the prices may be between March & Novr than a reference to my own district alone will enable me to afford you -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 10th Jany. 1837

Memo:

Talooks	Horse Gram Garce	Bengal Gram Garce
Mailadacom	2	1/2
Tirmungalom	1	1
Melur	2	"
Iyempully	"	1
Vellacottah	2	1
Marangapoory	2	"
Madura 10th Jany. 1837	9	3 1/2

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 23

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward authenticated Copies of the documents required in O. S. No. 108 of 1834 pending before the Register, on 13 stamp papers, 12 of which were forwarded with your letter

of the 5th instant, and ' was forwarded by the defendant's
Vakeel, together with a tamil Memo: for your information

Madura 10th Jany 1837 (Signed) J Blackburne
Pr Coll.

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No. 25

To the Commanding Officer Madura

Sir

The Officer Commanding 5th Regt
having urgent necessity for about Rs 3000 I have the
honor to request you will allow a guard of your men
to escort Rs 8960 11-2 to him, as it will cause much
delay to necessitate the despatch of a guard for it from
Dindigul –

If you can comply with this re-
quest I trust you will let the guard be at the
treasury tomorrow morning – (Signed) J Blackburne
Pr Co.

Madura 14th Jany 1837

No. 27

To the Secretary to the Marine Board Madras

Sir

In answer to your Circular of
the 6th instant, received only to day, I have the
honor to inform you there are no masters atten-
employed in this district – (Signed) J Blackburne
Pr Co.

Madura 14th Jany 1837

No. 28

To the Officer Commanding 5th Regt Dindigul

Sir

I am very sorry there is no money in
the Taudicombo treasury to supply your demand
Captain Marshall has been good enough
to afford me a guard that will march tomorrow
morning, in charge of the full amount of the
Paymaster's Bill in your favor –

I am afraid there will not be means to answer your demand in next month from the Tandicomboo treasury. If I find there will be I shall not fail to apprize you in time to save you the trouble of detaching an escort for it from hence.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 14 Jany. 1837.

Memo:

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The Principal Collector has the honor to forward to the Acting Sub Collector one set of printed Copies of each of the Acts noted in the margin.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 24th Jany. 1837.

No. 29

To the Principal Collector
Tanjaour

Sir

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to have made for me brass mercals for measuring salt, similar to those in use in your own district, to the amount of 500 Rupees, for which I will this day give you credit under the head of "transfers between Collectors" as the Right honorable the Governor in Council has found that those made in this district are not sufficiently durable.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 25th Jany. 1837.

No. 30

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 23d Novr. 1836, I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Maroongapoory Tahsildar, dated 13th instt

by which you will perceive nothing can be collected from the securities for the balance due by them to your district - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura Tirumungalom 19th Jany 1837.

No. 41.

To Lieutenant C. M. Elliott Commanding Detachment Paumbon

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of an order issued by me to the Paumbon Choukeydar upon the Complaint received from the Manager of Ramnad for your information - (Signed) J Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura Melur 29th Jany 1837.

No. 43.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date I have the honor to request you will, for some time, suspend your summons for the attendance of Amrayjee Row, Tasildar of Thrikurray, and Vencataroo, Hindoovey Gomastah of the said talook, to give evidence in O. Suit No. 108 of 1834, pending before the Register, as they cannot be absent from their duty without much probable loss to Government. They are engaged in the examination of withered Crops - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Kottampully 31st Jany 1837.

No. 45.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th instant with its enclosure, desiring me to furnish authenticated copies of certain

documents on common paper, in 8 dated 1st of 1837 to enable the pauper Plaintiff to obtain a verdict against myself, and am sorry to think I ought, in the present case, to beg leave to decline compliance with your wishes, but I shall be perfectly happy to furnish you with them in the strictly official manner of attending to your requisition to produce them before your Court, by means of one of my Cutcherry Servants, after you have gone thro the preliminary examination so far as to induce you to believe they are material to a true judgement of the merits of the case —

Kottampatty 31st Jany 1837 (signed) J Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 48

To The British Resident

Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward copy of a Memo from the Acting Sub Collector for the information of H. E. the Rajah Sivaji Bahadur that if his servant has been guilty of any fraud or impropriety he may be aware of it to act as he thinks proper —

Madura Seegampatty 4th Feby 1837 (signed) J Blackburne Princl Collr

No 49

To The British Resident

Travancore

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to cause the accompanying receipt to be delivered to Mambalom Veerasawmy Naick, the 1st Judge of the Appeal Court of His Highness the Rajah of Travancore in lieu of the one granted to him on the 5th instant, and which I shall be obliged by your recovering from him and forwarding to me —

Madura 6th February 1837 (Signed) J Blackburne Princl Collr

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Madura 5th January 1837 27

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I hereby acknowledge that Mr. Vencatasawmy Naick has this day paid into the East India Company Treasury, the Sum of Company's Rupees (21,300) Twenty one thousand & three hundred for which he is Entitled to receive a Promissory Note, bearing Interest from the 1st May next, of the tenor, and subject to the Conditions, specified in the advertisement published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 3d of October 1835, and intermediately the same Interest from the date of this Acknowledgement to the 30th April 18

Company's Rupees 21,300

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No 51

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an Indent for Batta for the Native Establishment of the Acting 2d Judge on Circuit, for Rupees (154) One hundred and fifty four, the receipt of which I request you will be pleased to Acknowledge, in Duplicate, as directed by the Accountant General

Madura 6th February 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Indent of Batta to the Native Establishment on Circuit for the 1st Sessions 1837 for the Month of January 1837

	Rs.	as
1 Translator Vencatasawmy Naick his Batta	52	8
1 Writer A. E. Martin his Do	17	8
1 Do J Bland his do	17	8
1 Moonshee Ahomed Saib his do	28	"
1 Moharrer Janoolabdeen his do	14	"
1 Gomastah Chintamoney Pillay his do	14	"
3 Peons	10	8
Total Rupees	154	

Madura
26th Jany 1837

E. E.
Pr.

(Signed) H Harrington
Acting 2d Judge
on Circuit

Received 26th (Signed) J.B.

To The Principal Collector
of Madura

No. 54.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date, I have the pleasure to send you all the correspondence I am yet aware of respecting the Tumkum- you will find it in the letter to the Board of Revenue under date 19th Feby. 1827 and the few following pages. If this is insufficient I shall be happy in making further search.

(signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 9th Feby. 1837.

Received on the 9th January 1837, from the Acting Judge of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees (924-15-10) nine hundred and twenty four annas fifteen and pice ten, being the amount of fees, fines and penalties levied, and proceeds of sales of Paper &c for Decr. 1836.

Madura 9th Feby 1837.

(signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Received from the Acting Judge in the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Company's rupees (789-13-10) seven hundred and eighty nine, annas thirteen and pice ten being the amount of fees, fines and penalties levied, and proceeds of sales of paper &c for Jany. 1837.

Madura 9th Feby 1837.

(signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 55.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Sir,

Saidoo Kaudoo, a Merchant, imported from Coitpatnam 50 Candies of Tamarind, and produced a rowanah, No. 716, dated 25th Jany, stating that duty had been remitted in conformity to the instructions of

the Board of Trade, dated 24th June 1816 - As I can
find no such authority in this office may I request
you will be good enough to favor me with a Copy of
it -
(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Coll.
Madura 9th Feby 1837 -

No. 56.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate
Bills of Mr. C. P. Thompson, Assistant Judge of your
district, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury,
on account of his Salary for January 1837, which is
debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the
margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on
his account, to the Civil fund, and request that
the same may be adjusted in your accounts under
the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

1400 -
Civil fund 6 p.ct. 84 -
Rups. 1316

Madura 11th Feby 1837 - (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

No. 59.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you
Soobbyen may now attend the Court of the Triparan-
goontem Moonsiff without inconvenience; - but I
trust you will suspend your summons for Mooneyapa
Maistry, who is deputed on special duty, with
the Acting Civil Engineer, at the other side of the
district. - I will do myself the honor of apprizing
you when his arrival at this place will enable
him to give his evidence without detriment to

to the Company. — It may be about the begining of next month —

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

Madura 11th Feby 1837.

No. 60

To the Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 4 Bills of Mr R. Davidson, Head Assistant Collector of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury, on account of his salary, house rent, and tent allowance for January 1837, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office as noted in the margin leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account, to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."

Salary	525 .. ..
Deduct Civil fund @ 6% per Cent	32.13 ..
	492.3 ..
House rent	35 .. ..
Tent allowance	42 .. ..
Rups.	569.3 ..

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

Madura 11th Feby 1837.

No. 62

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery Fort St. George

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 12th ultimo, I have the honor to annex a Register of prizes, together with the tickets paid for in the Second Class of the 59th Govt. Lottery, and enclose a Bill on the Accountant Genl. in favor of the Treasurer of the Govt. Bank for CRs. 477 - being the amount of prizes drawn, and unpaid, to the holders of the Tickets No. 167. 1070 & 1554.

Madura 17th Feby 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Register

Register of prizes paid in the Second Class of the 59th Government Lottery in the districts of Madura & Dindigul

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No	Chuks	No	Chuks
158	130	569	130
160	130	1061	200
161	130	1063	130
162	130	1071	130
163	130	1073	130
165	130	1548	130
168	130	1551	130
169	130	1558	130
172	130	1559	130
173	130	1562	130
558	130	1565	130
559	130		3850
560	130	Deduct Commission @ 10 pr Ct	385
561	130		
562	130	Net Chs	3465
564	400		

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 63.

To the Officer Commanding
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Certificate forwarded with your letter of the 15th instant, and to state that one was furnished to the Officer Commanding Ramnad on the 6th.

Madura 19th Feby 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 66

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information and guidance, Copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor, dated 14th instant, and request the amount overdrawn for Mr. Lemond may be remitted to me, and the Account adjusted.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
20th Feby
1837.

No. 67.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose first of a sett of Bills received from the Acting 2d Judge on Circuit, for (Rups. 751-9-) Seven hundred and fifty one and annas nine, the receipt of which I request you will be pleased to acknowledge in duplicate, as directed by the Accountant General.

Madura 20th Feby 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 68.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Complaint against the incroachments of the Maniatchee Zemindar, and request you will use your influence with him to desist from them, and restore what he has unjustly appropriated. If he maintains right to what he has done, I request you will communicate to me his specific claims that the merits of the case may be fully considered and justice done.

Madura 20th Feby 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 72.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that you can issue your summons for the attendance of Moneyappa Maistry before the District Moonsiff of Thirooparagoontum when you find it convenient and I shall be obliged

by

by your apprizing me of the time you may fix upon—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 22d Feby. 1837

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No. 73

To the Principal Collector of Canara
Mangalore

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 13th received only yesterday I have the honor to inform you that by reason of the drought and insufficiency of well water the tobacco produce is much below the average—

The first sort of last year's growth averages 30 rupees per Candy—That of this year's growth will not be ready for the Market in less than two Months, and the dealers are yet too uncertain of the quantity and demand to venture on an opinion as to the probable price, but Veerasawmy Moodeliar, who once before supplied your district, proposes to contract for its delivery at Ponany at the rate of 45 rupees pr. Candy—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 23d Feby. 1837

No. 75

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowlege the receipt of the leather Boot forwarded with your letter of this days date—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura
24th Feby. 1837

No. 76

To the Superintendent of Government Lottery

Sir

Having disposed of the 70 Tickets sent me, I have the honor to request you will furnish me with 20 more, if you think proper, as there are demands for them -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 24th Feby 1837 -

No. 78.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly
Tutcoryn -

Sir,

Para 1 In reply to your letter of the 24th, this minute received, I beg to express my regret that you should have so misinterpreted the style and tone of my communication of the 20th instant -

2 Allow me to assure you that in it I had not the slightest wish to give you of=fence, or to assume any authority in your district - When I begged you "to communicate to me any "specific claim of the Maniatchee Zemindar to "the disputed boundary" it was with a view of abandoning at once my claim, on behalf of the Ramiswarom Pagoda, if the Zemindars appeared to me just - If the land is claimed by the Native agent of the Pagoda, and I am unacquainted with the objection of the adversary, is it unrea=sonable in me to attempt to ascertain it? -

3 If you can now put the interpreta=tion on my words which I meant them to carry, I hope you will still comply with

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my request — If you are still determined to think they carried a meaning of arrogant assumption of authority in your district, or distrust of your judgement in a case in which I was concerned as Agent for the Pagodas (both of which meanings I must distinctly disavow) I beg to say I shall be happy on your returning me the letter, to endeavor to modify the request into a more unexceptionable form.

Madura 27th Feby 1837 — (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Received into the Honorable Company's treasury from Mr. J. B. Hogg, assistant revenue surveyor of the 4th Division, the sum of Company's rupees (3) three, on account of subscription to the Fort St George Gazette.

Madura 28th Feby 1837 — (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 80

To the Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 4 Bills of Mr R. Davidson, Head Assistant Collector of your district for the amount paid to him from this Treasury on account of his Salary, House rent & tent allowance for Feby 1837, which is debited in the accounts of this office, as noted in the margin leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

...y — 525 — —
...et fund
...@ 6¼ pr Ct — 32.13 —
492.3 —
...e rent — 35 — —
...allowance — 42 — —
Rups 569.3 —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.
Madura 3rd March 1837

This is to Certify that R. Davidson Esqre, Acting Sub Collector of Madura, has received his salary

as Head Assistant Collector of Masulipatam, and deputation allowance as acting Sub Collector of Madura, up to the 28th Feby 1837, and to no later period from this Treasury - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 4th March 1837 -

No. 86

To the Collector of Tinnevelly -

Sir,

I have no means to depute a Vakeel, as suggested in your letter of the 1st instant for the settlement of the disputed boundary of Shikargoody and Puvany, but if you will be so good as to fix a day for the attendance of the party complaining & either before yourself or any of your officers, I shall be happy in communicating it to them, and will urge upon them the necessity of punctual attendance with any Documents they may have to substantiate their Claim. -

Madura 4th March 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 90

To the Collector of Sea Customs - Madras -

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 1st instant I have the honor to inform you that of the four sea ports in this district, the Chokeydars of Keelakurray and Davipatam are unable to read the English Certificates -

Madura 4th March 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Received from the Acting Judge in the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (563-8-10) five hundred and sixty three, annas eight and pice

ter, being the amount of fees and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of Papers &c. for Feby. 1837 - 37 19

Madura 7th March 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 91.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

If you will give me a clue to the addresses, regarding which you desire, in your letter of this date, particulars of their receipt, hearing and orders passed thereon, I shall be happy in endeavoring to furnish you with the information required.

Madura 7th March 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 94

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date I have the honor to inform you that the address therein alluded to is dated Tinkurray 3rd Augt. 1834 and appears to have been received on the 15th of the same month, but does not shew at what place it was received or read. No orders appear to have been passed upon it but the address bears a note "to be sent to the Cutchery" - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 8th March 1837.

No. 95.

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 17th Ulto. I have the honor to annex a Register of 70 Tickets of the 1st Class, sold in the 60th Government Lottery, amounting to Company's rupees (2100) Two thousand and one hundred, for which a Bill on the Accountant General in favor of the Superintendent and treasurer of the Government Bank, is herewith enclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Register of the 60th Government Lottery Tickets sold in the districts of Madura and Dindigul

Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
553.	30.	2062	30	2554	30	3041.	30.	3053.	30.	3541.	30.
2051.	30	2063	30.	2555	30	3042	30	3054	30	3542	30
2052	30	2064	30.	2556.	30.	3043.	30.	3055.	30.	3543.	30
2053.	30.	2065.	30.	2557	30	3044.	30	3056	30	3544	30.
2054.	30	2066.	30.	2558.	30.	3045.	30	3057	30.	3545.	30.
2055.	30.	2067.	30	2559.	30.	3046.	30	3058.	30.	3546.	30.
2056.	30.	2068.	30.	2560	30.	3047.	30.	3059.	30	3547.	30.
2057	30.	2069.	30.	2561	30	3048.	30.	3060.	30.	3548.	30
2058.	30.	2070.	30.	2562	30	3049.	30.	3536	30.	3549.	30.
2059.	30.	2551.	30.	2563.	30	3050.	30	3538	30.	3550.	30.
2060.	30.	2552	30	2564	30.	3051.	30.	3539	30.		
2061.	30.	2553	30.	2565	30.	3052.	30	3540.	30.	Rs.	2100.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 96

To the Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request the loan of one quire of Demy paper.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 9th March 1837.

No. 97.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the original document required by your letter of yesterday's date, and beg to inform you the decision was delivered by the Punchayet into the hands of the late Sheristadar without any written address.

Madura 9th March 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 98.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of Mr. E. P. Thompson, Assistant Surgeon of

for the amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on account of his salary for Feby 1837, which is debited in the Account of this office, as noted in the Margin; leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account to the Civil fund and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittance and transfers between Collectors"

D Salary 1400 — Deduct Civil fund @ 6 per Ct 84 — Rs 1316 —

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 9th March 1837

No. 99.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

I am sorry I cannot think I should be right in departing from the line of Conduct I proposed for myself in respect to the Copies of documents required by Pauper Plaintiff in No. 1 of 1837, as shewn in my letter to your address of the 31st January last —

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(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 10th March 1837

No. 101

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this date I am sorry I cannot throw any further light on the date of delivery of the Punchayets decree than may happen to be noted on the document itself, which is now before you —

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I should imagine it was not customary for documents of importance to be lodged in the records without the signature of the Collector —

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 10th March 1837

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (67 15 6) Sixty seven annas fifteen and pice six, being the difference of Mr. Lamond's salary, forwarded with his letter

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of the 13th instant – (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 14th March 1837

Memo:

The Principal Collector has the honor to request the Sub Collector will be good enough to put his receipt to the accompanying list of stationary sent him and return it for the purpose of being retransmitted to the superintendent of stationary – (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 14th March 1837

No. 104

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. T. J. P. Borres Assistant Collector of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury on account of his salary, house rent and tent allowance for Feby. 1837, which is debited in the accounts of this office, as noted in the margin; leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account, to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

Salary	350 .. ..
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per Cent	21. 14. ..
	328. 2 ..
House rent	35 .. ..
Tent allowance	42 .. ..
Rups.	405. 2. ..

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 14th March 1837

No. 107

To the Sub Collector – Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to call your attention to my letters of the 21st Novr. and 10th Jany. last, and to inform you, I have directed the retrenchment, there alluded to, to be deducted from your salary of the current month –

Madura 15th M[illegible] (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 109.

To the Assistant Commissary General South^n Div^n

Trichinopoly.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date, I beg leave to inform you the Government share of produce is never received in kind in this Collectorate

Madura 16th March 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

No. 110.

To W. E. Lockhart Esqr. Dindigul

Sir,

With reference to the enclosed Copy of a letter from Mr. Elliot to the Post master General, I am directed by that officer to forward to you the letter from England therein alluded to, and to recover from you the regulated ship and inland postage thereon, amounting to Annas 12 - " , which I accordingly request you will be good enough to send me at your earliest Convenience - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 16th March 1837.

No. 111.

To the Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to return the quire of Demy paper you were so good as to lend me on the 9th instant, with my best thanks.

Madura 17th March 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

No. 113.

To the Superintendent of the Fort St. George Gazette Press.

Madras.

Sir,

Agreeably to the request of the Chief Secretary to Government, of the 19th November, I beg to forward a Bill on the Accountant General in your favor for Rup. 212 - 4 Two hundred and twelve, on account of tamil translations of the Regulations of Government from the year 1802 to 1824; and

and of the acts of the supreme Government subsequently passed, at two Annas for every half sheet, supplied to the Sheoagunga Zemindar -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 18th March 1837

No. 114.

To C. J. Bird Esqre. Tinnevelly -

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a demand against you for bearer's batta, when passing thro' this district, and shall be obliged by your remitting me the amount, for payment to them, if correct -

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Madura 18th March 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll. & Magte.

Memo:

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Assistant Commissary General, and request the Sub Collector will be good enough to furnish the information therein required at his earliest Convenience -

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Madura 18th March 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 117.

To the Principal Collector of Malabar

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor, and request you will be good enough to recover the amount therein alluded to from Mr. Goodwyn, and remit it to me at your earliest convenience -

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Madura 20th March 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 119.

To the Principal Collector of Tanjaour

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy

of an address from the Sea Custom Choukydar at Paumbon, from which you will perceive that of the articles brought from Ceylon by a Negapatam Merchant, 7 Jack and 4 Jelly planks have been purchased by Coll. Monteith for the public works at Paumbon, which I beg to apprize you of in order to prepare you against a misrepresentation of the Circumstance by your Sea Custom officer

Madura 20th March 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr.

Received into the Honorable Company's Treasury from D. R. Limond Esqre, Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (3) Three, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette -

Madura 23d March 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr.

No. 122

To G. S. Hooper Esqre
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to apprize you that a deduction of rupees 350 will be made from your salary of next Month for percentage in arrears to the widows fund from Jany 1830, in conformity to the instructions of the Civil Auditor -

Madura 23d March 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr.

No. 124

To the Superintendent of Stamps
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to return you a paper, entered in my Accounts as of eight annas value, to be re-stamped, or replaced by a new paper of similar value -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr.

No. 126.

To the Principal Collector of Canara
Mungalore

Sir,

Para 1. In furtherance of the wishes expressed in your letter of the 17th instant, (received yesterday) I have the honor to forward you a duplicate obligation, entered into by Veerasawmy Moodeliar, for the supply of 250 Candies of tobacco, which I hope may meet your approbation.

2. I have taken the responsibility on myself of granting him till the 15th instead of the 1st of May, for delivery of the article at Panianyr. I think you need not fear that he will keep time, and I therefore request you will have an Agent in attendance to receive it, that his Carts or other transport may not be detained.

See my former letter for reason.

3. I take the liberty of pointing out to you that the Contract is expressly for the Candy of 500 lbs, as in use here, and as was formerly agreed to in the contract of a former Collector of Canara with this same man.

Madura 25th March 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

No. 127

To the Officer Commanding 33d Regiment N. I.
Palamcottah

Sir

I have the honor to request you will procure me Mr. Masters receipt to the enclosed Draft.

Madura 27th March 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

No. 129.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir, I am sorry to think I cannot with

propriety direct the attendance of the Post office Writer before your Court with Accounts; but if you require any information, proper for me to afford, I will give it with pleasure.

Madura 27th March 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Treplicate

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 33d. Regiment N. I. Consisting of one Havildar, one Naigue and six privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st March 1837 in charge of treasure, arrived there on the 27th, and were at liberty to return the next day.

Madura 27th March 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 131

To the Principal Collector of Malabar

Sir,

I have the honor to return one of Mr. T. W. Goodwyn's three bills, paid on the 16th, and forwarded with your letter of the 20th instant, and request you will be good enough to inform me how the salary of that Gentleman is calculated to amount to rupees 558-5-4, at 525 rupees pr. month.

Madura 30th March 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 133

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill in your favor at sight for the sum of Company's rupees (56) fifty-six, being the amount paid into this treasury by Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, on account of pay of a Maistry attached to the Assistant Civil Engineer, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Name not shewn

Madura 1st April 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees .... 56 " "

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore -

Sir

At sight please to pay to G. D. Drury Esq[re], Principal Collector of Coimbatore, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees fifty six, being the amount of pay to a Maistry of the assistant Civil Engineer 4th Division, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors" -

Madura 1st April 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Memo: -

The Sub Collector's early attention is requested to the Collector's Memo: of the 18th Ulto. respecting Palava wood -

Madura 1st April 1837 - (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 135.

To the Sub Collector Dindigul.

Sir,

Having received no report from you on the particular state of your division I am unable to afford you the instructions required in your letter of the 31st Ulto. received only yesterday: - when you favor me with one, accompanied by your own opinion and wishes in detail, I shall be happy to take it into my immediate consideration. -

I am quite unprepared to understand there has been a total failure in the punjah crops, and request you will be so good as to favor me with the inspection of the documents which have led you to such a conclusion -

Have you not yet paid any attention to the Hindoowee Memos: I have sent as a guide for the settlement of your division for this fusly? -

Madura
3rd April 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr. -

No. 136

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 31st Ulto. received only this day, I have the honor to request you will appoint a more distant period than the 15th instant to enable the inhabitants of Coovanee to prosecute their Complaint of boundary before you, and I request you will also be good enough to name the place where you will hold your office on the day appointed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 4th April 1837.

Memo:

The Sub Collector's letter of the 5th instant, requiring to know if the sale of the Sayer and Abkarry Rents was to be made dependent on their sudden resumption at any period during the fusly, has been submitted to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 5th April 1837.

No. 140.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer
Centre Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Accountant General, under date the 1st instant, and request you will be so good as to furnish me with the Certificate therein required and remit me the sum of rupees 18, being the amount of tentage overdrawn by you.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 5th April 1837.

No. 142.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

A Summons has just been shewn me for the attendance of the Curnum of the Village of Cullyswaily puttu before the Civil Court. I am not aware that

that you have favored me with any intimation of your being about to pursue that course. He is in attendance at my Office for the purpose of pre=
=paring the settlement accounts.

I should be sorry to interrupt your bu=
=siness in any way, and would desire him at once to attend but that it is now 3. P. M. If you will fix another day and be so good as endeavour to con=
=clude your Examination of him in one day, or half a day, I shall be happy in directing his obedience to your summons.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr.

Madura 7th April 1837.

No. 146

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir

I have but now had the honor to receive your letter of the 8th, saying you would send a sum=
=mons for a Thiroomungalom Gomastah to appear before your Court on the 13th, if his absence would not interfere with the revenue administration, and requesting I would direct him to take certain accounts with him.

The time is too limited for me either to request you to withhold your summons, or to aid you in directing the production of the required documents.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr.

Kalliarcovil 10th April 1837.

Received into the Honorable Company's treasury from Annaujee, now Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees (3) Three, on account of Subscription to the Fort St George's Gazette.

Madura 7th April 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 150

To the Principal Collector of Canara

Sir,

Veerasawmy Moodeliar, having tendered security for the fulfilment of his Engagement to deliver 250 Candies of 1st Sort Tobacco, @ 45 rupees p. Candy, I have the honor to inform you that I gave him an advance of 4000 Rs. on the 29th Ulto., which I request you will be so good as to give me credit for under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors" –

Madura Caliarcovil
13th April 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 152

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of Mr. E. P. Thompson, Assistant Judge of your district, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his salary for March 1837, which is debited in the Accounts of this office, as noted in the margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on his Account to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors" –

Salary	1400
Deduct Civil fund @ 6 p. Ct.	84
Rs.	1316

Madura Shevagunga
14th April 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Received into the Honorable Company's treasury from Panoomachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, district Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees /3/ Three, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette –

Madura 15th April 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 153

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir, I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of

Mr.

Mr. T. J. P. Harris Assistant Collector of your district for the amount paid to him, from this treasury, on account of his salary, house rent and tent allowance for March 1837, which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin; leaving you to draw, and Credit, on his account, to the Civil fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"-

Salary	350 ..
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ p. Ct.	21.14
	328.2
House rent	35 ..
Tent allowance	42 ..
Rs.	405.2

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura Pooventhee
16th April 1837

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura the sum of Companys Rupees (695-3-5) six hundred and ninety five annas three and pice five, being the amount of fees and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of paper &c in the Month of March 1837-

Madura 5th April 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 156.

To the Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1. In answer to the concluding para: of your letter of the 11th instant received this day, I beg to inform you I have already furnished you with such parts of the proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the settlement for last fusly as in any way affects your division, the Board passed many animadversions on my report, which do not seem to me would be of any use for you to be acquainted with-

2. When I return to Madura I will see if any part of their proceedings, calling for an answer, as affecting your division, has yet to be attended to, and will not fail to let you know if answer be still required-

3. May I request you will be so good as to confine your letters to single subjects:- The introduction of two into your letter of the 31st Ultimo was the cause

of my overlooking the minor one 51

Shevagunga 14th April 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Disp.d 17th do.

No. 150 26.

To the Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1. I had the honor on the 14th to receive your letter of the 11th instant, and beg to observe the periodical reports, with which I have been furnished by the local Officers of your division, are not sufficient to enable me to determine the extent of remission it is desirable should be given.

2. The enclosed statement, in English, will shew you the result of my comparison of the 13 Villages of Nellacottah from which you have sent me petitions, with the reports I have received and hence it appears that there are only four wholly unproductive villages: and the others have enjoyed in different proportions, from three fourths downwards:- May not the other villages in this and other talooks be similarly circumstanced?-

3. Inclosed is Copy of the Board's authority for giving remissions in punjah where necessary, but I feel assured the Curnoms themselves cannot furnish a correct statement of individual punjah loss:- but if you will be so good as to furnish me with a classified Statement of the Villages which have suffered most, with your own opinion of the extent of remission you think should be granted, and detailing the reasons

in which you have came to that conclusion, I [illegible]
gladly take it into immediate consideration.

4. I return your Tamil list of queries with answers in the same language, by which you will perceive the mode I recommend for granting Kunjah remission where the loss does not exceed 10 per cent of the pottah amount, and I still think that where the produce of a Company's Cawny exceeds 6 Marcals, it should be included under the head "Produce", where below that amount, as "Withered".

5. I also send 8 or 10 accounts of villages, settled this fusly, to enable you to see my method, and request they may be returned, as soon as done with.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 17th April 1837.

No. 159

To the Assistant Commissary General
Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 15th Ult. I have the honor to state that Palava wood is not procurable in this district.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 18th April 1837.

No. 161.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to forward for your information Extract of an address from the Post office Gomastah of Covilputty under date the 15th instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 21st April 1837.

No. 162.

To the Officer Commanding Madura

Sir

Anxious to meet, as far as possible, the wishes of the General Commanding the Division, communicated with your letter of the 13th instant, I beg to express

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my opinion that the sentries on duty in the treasury guard may be reduced from four to three without impropriety.

It is not for me to decide whether any reduction can be made in the present strength of the guard, but to enable you to form your own opinion I beg leave to inform you I have at this moment in my custody above three lacs of rupees, the Country itself is at this moment in as peaceable a state as I ever heard it to be.

Madura 22d April 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 164.

To the Senior Officer in charge of 1st Regiment N.I. on route to Vellore.

Madura

Sir,

Para 1. Perusal of the inclosed correspondence will shew you the impossibility of complying with the Accountant General's instructions respecting the transmission to the treasury at Madras of three lacs of rupees.

Letter from Sub Collector of Tinnevelly dated
Do from Accountt Genl dated

2. As it is a sum requiring the escort of an European officer, I conceive that it will prove a considerable accomodation to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army at the present juncture, if your instructions would permit you to take charge of it, at least as far as Trichinopoly.

3. In event of your consenting to do so, I will immediately write to that officer either to relieve you of the charge at Trichinopoly, or to make such other arrangements as he thinks advisable for its furtherance to the Presidency.

Madura 25th April 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 165.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

In answer to your letter under date the 16th Ultimo, and its enclosure, I have the honor to forward for your information, Copy of an address from

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the Tauseldar of Iyempully from which it would appear that it has always been usual for the inhabitants of Iyempully to draw water by Pacotahs from the Channel in question, and no innovation has been practised -

Madura 25th April 1837 — (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colle.

No. 166

To the Officer Commanding Sr. Dn. of the Army
Trichinopoly -

Sir,

Para 1 - On the 22d instant I received instructions from the Accountant General to forward to the Presidency three lacs of rupees, by the same guard that was to leave Tinnevelly with treasure on the 20th instant, previously communicating with the Collector of Tinnevelly that his escort might be sufficiently strong for the increased amount of money to be added from my treasury -

2 - Finding Captain Goldsworthy had arrived here with a Wing of the 1st Regt. on route for Vellore, with a view to incommode the public service as little as possible, I took the liberty of suggesting to him the propriety of his receiving this sum into his charge, for delivery to the temporary charge of the Collector at Trichinopoly, till such time as you should be able to afford a sufficient escort for its continued progress to the Presidency, and I trust you will overlook the somewhat irregular mode of my application for your assistance, and that you will approve of Captain Goldsworthy's ready compliance with my wishes -

3 - May I request you will be so good as to communicate the orders you may give on this point to the Collector of Trichinopoly -

4 - The 1st will leave this on the morning of the 27th, and hope to reach Trichinopoly on the 4th prox: -

Madura
25th April
1837 — (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colle.

No. 169

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

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Sir,

I have the honor to inclose transcript of a letter of this date to the Officer Commanding Sn. Dn. of the Army, and request you will be so good as to receive charge, if necessary, of the 3 lacs of rupees there alluded to, or, in communication with the Major General, to take such steps as are advisable for its being forwarded to the Presidency.

May I request you will be so good as to apprize me, after its receipt, of the steps you may have taken, and in the event of its being forwarded to communicate the same to the Accountant General.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 25th April 1837

No. 170.

To the Officer Commanding Sn. Dn. of the Army. Trichinopoly.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of yesterday's date I have the honor to forward Copy of one from Captain Goldsworthy, which I trust will do his motives credit even if he has exposed himself to censure for disobedience of orders, in complying with my request to take charge of treasure as far as Trichinopoly.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 26th April 1837.

No. 174.

To the Military Paymaster Sn. Dn. Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a requisition as also receipts in duplicate, for the amount of rupees 500 five hundred, paid to the Officer Commanding ——— the 1st Regt. N. I. on route to Vellore, and request you will favor me with a draft for the amount.

Signed J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 26th April 1837.

No. 175

To the Principal Collector of Tanjavour

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 21st instant I have the honor to request that if the 50 thercals, which you have prepared, be on the Coast they may be sent by Sea

Either to Tondi or Davipatam; but if at Tanjore, may re-
-quest you will be good enough to despatch them on Bandies
to this place-

Accept my thanks for the trouble you have been
at -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Colt.

Madura 26th April 1837

(Triplicate)

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 33rd Regiment N. I. Consisting of one Havildar one Naique and Six privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st instant in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th, and were at liberty to return the next day.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Colr

Madura 27th April 1837

No. 176

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Mr. T. A. Anstruther, late Head Asst. Colltr. of this district, at 10 days sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (180-15-2) one hundred and Eighty, annas fifteen and pice two, being the amount of extra and averaged Commission due for fusly 1245, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers be-tween Collectors"

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Colt.

Madura 27th April 1837

No. 177

To T. A. Anstruther Esqre Sub Collector
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill drawn on the Princl. Collector of Coimbatore for the sum of Company's rupees (180-15-2) one hundred and Eighty, annas fifteen and pice two, being the amount of Extra and averaged Commission due to you for fusly 1245.

Madura 27th April 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Colt.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 180-15-2

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

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Sir

At ten days sight please to pay to Mr. F. A. Anstruther late head Assistant Collector of this district or his order, the sum of Company's rupees (180-15-2) one hundred and Eighty annas fifteen and pice two, being the amount of Extra and averaged Commission due to him for fusly 1245; which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 27th April 1837.

No. 178

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Memo: of sums advanced by the Tahsildar of Nellacottah for Materials &c for the Lumkum Bungalow, and will feel obliged by your informing me if any Accounts are to be found in your office that would shew if the amount has been adjusted.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 28th April 1837.

No. 179

To the Sub Collector in Charge of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In order to enable me to come to some adjustment of the boundary dispute between the Village of Chittoor in Terimungalom and Poolialkuttay in the Pracally Zemindary, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to send me the Original Oloogoo Accounts of fusly 1211 for that Village, which shall be returned to you without unnecessary delay.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 28th April 1837.

Received into the Honorable Company's treasury from Chittoor Vencut Row, Sherestadar of the Sub Collector's Cutchery of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees (6) six, on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette for 2 quarters.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura, 29th April 1837

No. 180.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain Hugh Cotton, Civil Engineer 3rd Division, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (28) Twenty eight, being the amount of Pay of 4 Lascars, attached to Lieut. Shaw late 2nd Assistant Civil Engineer of the 4th Division, for Septr. 1836, left in deposit in this treasury, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors" —

(Signed) J. Blackburne.
Pl. Collr.

Madura, 29th April 1837.

Exchange for Company's Rupees — 28 — " —

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Captain Hugh Cotton, Civil Engineer of the 3rd Division, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees (28) Twenty eight being the amount of Pay of 4 Lascars attached to Lieut. Shaw, late 2nd Assistant Civil Engineer of this Division, for Septr. 1836, left in deposit in this treasury, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 29th April 1837.

No. 183.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer
Centre Division

Sir,

I have the honor to renew my request of the 5th Ultimo to furnish me with the Certificate, and to refund the 18 rupees therein alluded to —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 1st May 1837.

No. 184.

To the Superintendent of Stamps — Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return old stampt paper and Cadjans, not saleable in this district, as pr. list accompanying, and request authority for writing off their value —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 1st May 1837.

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Received from the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly a draft in duplicate for Company's Rs. 33-10- thirty three and annas ten, dated 28th April 1837, being Pay in arrears for March 1837 for Native pensioners attached to public Bangalows-

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 1st May 1837-

No. 185.

To the Principal Collector of Mangalore-

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Veerasawmy Moodelyar, the Tobacco Contractor of your District, has reported his despatch of 250 Candies of 1st Sort of Tobacco to Ponnany on the 2d instant, and I trust the whole amount will arrive there by the time stipulated

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura district
Dindigul
4th May 1837-

No. 188.

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Lottery Tickets Nos. 2056-2064 and 2065 of the Second Class of the present Government Lottery, as requested in your letter of the 1st instant-

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 9th May 1837

No. 189

To the Assistant Commissary General - Trichinopoly

Sir,

On the 18th ulto. I had the honor to inform you I had been unsuccessful in my search for any specimens of the Poolavoo wood, but the Sub Collector Mr. Lockhart, has since favored me with the accompanying two specimens, known under the names of Sem Poolavoo and Shev-voloagoo, both of which he considers would answer the purpose for which you require them, and the former seems from the name

to be nearly the same wood ... not specified but they are said to be timber trees - should you wish for further particulars I shall have pleasure in endeavoring to procure it for you -

Madura 9th May 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Coll.

Received from the Acting Zillah Judge of Madura the sum of Company's rupees (1301-12-9) one thousand three hundred and one, Annas twelve and Pice nine being the amount of fees and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of Paper &c in the month of April 1837 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Coll.

Madura 9th May 1837 -

No. 193.

To the Sub Collector in Charge of Tinnevelly -

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to inform me, if the Kutlay Charges in Madavarvilagam Pagoda at Sheevelly-poottoor, alluded to in my letter of the 15th December last, are regularly expended as the Zemindar of Shevagungah states, in his address of the 4th instant, that he has heard to the Contrary -

Madura 10th May 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Coll.

No. 197.

To the Acting Judge - Madura -

Sir,

Instead of sending you a bill on the Accountant General for the 200 rupees you sent me yesterday, I will beg leave to retain that sum in my treasury, and adjust the Account as directed by the Accountant General under date 21st ulto. his instructions to which effect I have the honor to forward for your perusal and return -

Madura 11th May 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Coll.

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly a draft in duplicate, in favor of the Princl Collector of Madura, for Company's rupees (500) five hundred dated 10th instant – (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 11th May 1837 –

No. 198

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from Abdul Vaupoo, Jailor of the Zillah Court of Madura and will feel obliged by your causing the necessary inquiry to be made on the subject therein complained of

Madura 12th May 1837 – (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 201.

To Messrs Warbrop Line and Co Madras

Gentlemen As agents of Mr Robert Nelson I request you will be so good as to carry to his account and favor me with an acknowledgement of the receipt of the enclosed bill on the Accountant General for Rs 205 – 13 a – 0 p; and may I request you to inform him the delay in its transmission is consequent on the very recent adjustment of the treasury accounts of this Collectorate up to 1828 – (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 13th May 1837.

Received, on the 11th instant, from the Acting Judge of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees (200) two hundred, being the amount advanced to C. Gopaul Sastry, Pundit Sudder Ameen of the Zillah Court of Madura, at the Presidency – (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 13th May 1837.

No. 202

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery Fort St. George

Sir ... the Lottery

Tickets, N.os 2054. 2058 and 2066 of the Second Class of the present Government Lottery, as requested in your letter of the 11.th instant -

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

Madura 15 May 1837.

This is to Certify that the bearer, Sovamoottoo, is a pensioner on the Ceylon Government, and receives a Charitable allowance of Rs 3-14-7 Per mensem from the Princ. Collectors treasury of Madura, but as he is obliged to take his Oath to his identity every Month, and as the Magistrate is very often absent in the district, and the pensioner unnecessarily delayed, the Acting Criminal Judge is requested to be good enough to administer him the necessary oath during the Magistrates absence and furnish him with a Certificate to that effect to enable him to draw his allowance immediately at the Cutcherry -

Madura 16.th May 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

No. 204.

To the British Resident Travancore

Sir

By a recent survey made by Mr. Hogg there appears to be every probability of success in a project for turning a portion of the waters of the Chinna Mooliaur (a perennial stream on the Goodaloor hills, at the extremity of the Dindigul or Cumbom valley, which is said to run waste into the Travancore Country) into the Soorooly-aur, a river of this district: The successful issue of this project, it is estimated, will increase the Company's revenues by 30000 Rupees per annum: May I, therefore, request your good offices in obtaining the consent of H. H. the Rajah of Travancore to the execution of it, unless indeed it should appear I am mistaken in believing the water runs waste in Travancore? -

Madura
17.th May 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne,
Princ. Colr.

No. 205. 32 63

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of Mr. C. P. Thompson, Assistant Judge of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury on account of his salary for April 1837, which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account, to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

Salary	1400
Deduct Civil fund @ 6 per Cent.	84
Rups.	1316

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura 18th May 1837.

No. 192.

To Lieutenant Lake Engineers
Paumbon

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Memo: of Duty due on Articles imported for the works at Paumbon, and request you will be good enough to remit me the amount viz.t rupees 39-4-11 at your earliest convenience thro' the Chokeydar at Paumbon.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura 10th May 1837.

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly a draft in duplicate for Company's rupees (33-10-..) thirty three and annas ten, dated 17th instant, being pay in arrears for April last for Native pensioners attached to public Bungalows.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura 19th May 1837.

No. 207

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. T. J. C. Harris, Assistant Collector of your district, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury on account of his salary, house rent and tent allowance for April 1837, which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on his Account, to the Civil fund; and request that the same may be [illegible] your Accounts under the head

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Salary	350 .. ..
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per Cent.	21-14 ..
	328-2 ..
House rent	35 .. ..
Tent Allowance	42 .. ..

of Remittances and transfers between Collectors -

Madura Sindooputty 22d May 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 209.

To the Secretary to the Committee for the Revision of Customs and Post office Departments - Calcutta -

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 6th instant No. 429 of 1836/37, received this day, I have the honor to inform you that no stationary is allowed from my office for the use of the Post offices under my controul - The Post Master General having directed in his letter of the 4th and 5th March 1834, to Confine the Monthly Contingent Charges of each of the Post offices as follows

Madura	Rs. 5
Ramnad	4
Dindigul	4
Covelputty	2
Colampatty	2

The amount is paid to the post office Writers who furnish themselves with stationary &ca.

Madura 25th May 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 211.

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 17th Ultimo, I have the honor to annex a Register of 51 Tickets renewed and returned in the 2d. Class of the 60th Government Lottery, amounting to Rs. (3500) three thousand and five hundred, for which sum a Bill on the Accountant General, in favor of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, is herewith enclosed -

Madura 26th May 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Register of the 60th Government Lottery Tickets renewed and returned in the districts of Madura and Dindigul

Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	
2051	70	2557	70	3047	70	3540	70	Tickets returned No. 3549
2052	70	2558	70	3048	70	3542	70	
2060	70	2559	70	3049	70	3543	70	
2062	70	2560	70	3050	70	3544	70	
2063	70	2561	70	3052	70	3545	70	
2068	70	2563	70	3053	70	3546	70	
2069	70	2564	70	3055	70	3547	70	
2070	70	2565	70	3056	70	3550	70	
2551	70	3041	70	3057	70	Rups	3500	
2552	70	3042	70	3058	70			
2553	70	3043	70	3059	70			
2554	70	3044	70	3536	70			
2555	70	3045	70	3538	70			
2556	70	3046	70	3539	70			

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Furnished by Lieut. Inverarity & forwarded to Account Genl. in letter of 11th May 1837

D This is to Certify that Lieutenant J. Inverarity 2nd Assistant Civil Engineer of the 4th Division assumed Charge of the Civil Engineers department in that division on the 12th November 1836.

By order of the Board of Revenue

(Signed) Stafford Pardon
Offg. Secrety in the Dept. of P. W.

Treplicate

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 33rd Regt. N. I., Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and 12 Privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura at my requisition on the 21st instant, in charge of treasure; arrived there on the 27th and were at liberty to return the next day.

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Madura Cutcherry 27th May 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne

Memo:

The Principal Collector has much pleasure in forwarding for the use of the Sub Collectors Office, Copies of sections 80 & 81 of Arrowsmith's Indian atlas the receipt of which he requests may be acknowledged.

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Madura 30th May 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 214.

To the Acting Assistant Judge of Chingleput
Cuddalore -

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 30th March last, I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Manager of the Ramnad Zemindary, and to return the 4 stampt papers you sent me -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 30th May 1837 -

No. 216

To the British Resident of Tanjaour -

Sir, With reference to the address from the Surkele of H. E. the Rajah of Poodoocottah, dated 11th Jany. last (recd. 1st February) I have the honor to state that the Crops said to have been forcibly carried away by the Poolancourchee ryots appear to be the produce of the land alluded to in my letter of the 8th Jany. 1836, by which you will perceive my opinion that the Shavaloor people have no claim to it -

Madura 30th May 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 218

To Doctor Wight Madras -

Sir, In answer to the 5th para of your printed Circular of the 22d instant, I have the honor to forward a Memo: shewing the number of days that usually elapse between the transplantion and maturity of paddy in this district -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 31st May 1837 -

No. 219.

To the Sub Treasurer Fort St. George -

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 25 Bombay rupees alluded to in your letters of the 26th & 29th ultimo -

Madura 2d June 1837 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 220

To the Assistant Commissary General
Trichinopoly

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 10th ultimo, I have the honor to forward for your information Copies of 2 addresses together with their enclosures from the Tasildar of Tandicombos, affording the information you required by which you will perceive that the articles were purchased by your Conicopillay from Baulasawmy Chetty at the rates mentioned in the Account -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 5th June 1837

Memo:

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward for the use of the Sub Collector's office a Copy of the Tamil Almanac and requests that its receipt may be acknowledged -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 5th June 1837

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura the sum of C. Rs. (622-8-9) Six hundred and twenty two, annas eight and pice nine, being the amount of fees and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of paper &c in the Month of May 1837 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 5th June 1837

No. 222

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber Civil Engineer of the 4th Division, at sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees (335-1-4) three hundred and thirty-five, anna one and pice four, being the amount of Pay of his Establishment for May which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors" -

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. C.

Madura 6th June 1837

Exchange for Company's Rupees - 335-1-4-

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir, At sight please to pay to Captain C. C. Faber, Civil Engineer of the 4th Division, or his order, the sum of C. Rs. three hundred and thirty five, anna one and pice four, being the amount of Pay of his Establishment for May, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

Madura 6th June 1837- (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. C.

No. 224.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir, I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in your favor for the sum of C. Rs. (56) fifty six, being the amount of Pay of Tungamootoo Maistry, attached to the Civil Engineers Dept., for May, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

Madura 6th June 1837- (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Coll.

Exchange for Company's rupees - 56-..

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir, At sight please to pay to Mr. J. D. Drury, or his order, the sum of C. Rs. fifty six, being the amount of pay of Tungamootoo Maistry, attached to the Civil Engineer Dept., for May, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

Madura 6th June 1837- (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Coll.

No. 225.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of E. P. Thompson Esqre., Assistant Judge and Joint Criminal Judge at Coimbatore, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his salary for May 1837, which

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is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw and credit, on his account, to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

Salary for May 1837 — 1400 .. ..
Deduct Civil fund @ 6 Per Cent } 84 .. ..
CRs 1316 .. ..

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 6th June 1837 —

No 226.

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery
Fort St. George —

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 1st ultimo I have the honor to annex a Register of Prizes, together with the Tickets paid in the 1st Class of the 60th Governmt. Lottery, and enclose a Bill on the Accountant General in favor of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Govt. Bank, for rupees 90, being the amount of prizes drawn, and unpaid to the holders of the Tickets Nos. 2057 & 2562 —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 6th June 1837 —

Register of Prizes paid in the 60th Government Lottery in the districts of Madura and Dindigul —

Numbers	CRs	a	P
553	50	..	..
2053	50	..	..
2055	50	..	..
2059	150	..	..
2061	50	..	..
2067	50	..	..
3051	50	..	..
3054	50	..	..
3060	150	..	..
3541	50	..	..
3548	50	..	..
	750	..	..
Deduct Commission @ 10 Per Cent	75	..	..
Net CRupees	675	..	..

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 227

To the Principal Collector of Malabar

Sir,

I beg to remind you of my letter of the 20th March and its enclosure and request you will be good enough to inform me, if the amount therein alluded to has been recovered from Mr. Goodwyn –

Madura 6th June 1837 – (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

No. 228

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that one Allyartomby, of Kolasagarapatam, in your district exported on the Dhoney, Modeen Cawder Bux, rice and raggy, destined to Madras, but imported the articles at Paumbon in last month, and produced Rowanahs No. 438 & 1272, and a Port Clearance No. 2008, which declares the articles exempt from duty, as raggy is not included in the list furnished me with your letter of the 13th Feby last, I request you will be good enough to inform me if the dry grains in your district are subject to sea duty or not –

Madura 6th June 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

No. 229

To Mr. D. B. Daly

Saint Thomas's Mount –

In answer to your letter of the 2d instant I herewith annex a Memo: of the amount paid by you to the late Native pension fund during your employ in this office, and of course it will be included in the general statement about to be submitted to the Civil Auditor –

Madura 6th June 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

Memo.

Subscription from 1st Jany 1818 to 12th July 1819 as Current Writer	Rs. 17. 2. 9
Do. from 13th July 1819 to 31st Jany 1820 as Tall Writer	5. 2. –
Do. from 1st Feby 1820 to 30th April 1822 as Current Writer	22. 4. 7
	Rupees 44. 9. 4

Madura 6th June 1837 –

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

No. 230. 36 71

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. T. J. P. Harris, Assistant Collector of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury, on account of his salary house rent and tent allowance for May 1837, which is debited in the Accounts of this office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account, to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts, under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

Salary	350
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per cent	21.14.
	328.2.
House rent	35
Tent allowance	42
C Rs.	405.2.

Madura 6th June 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 232.

To the Principal Collector of Kanara

Mangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of an address from the tobacco contractor, of the 30th Ultimo, complaining that the Tasildar of Poniany has declined to give him a receipt for the tobacco furnished, nor will the Principal Collector of Malabar afford him any aid till he hears from you.

He is a very poor man, and I trust you will take care he is reimbursed for all the expense and inconvenience he is put to by his unnecessary detention and forced journey to Calicut.

Madura 7th June 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Received into the Honorable Companys treasury from Mr. J. H. Hogg, Assistant revenue surveyor of the 4th division the sum of Company's Rs. (3) three, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

Madura 8th June 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Received into the Honorable Companys treasury from D. R. Limond Esqre. Regr. of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's Rs. (3) three, on account of subscription to the

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Fort St George Gazette - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 9th June 1837 -

No. 234

To the Collector of Tinnevelly -

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 31st Ultimo I have the honor to inform you that the Moochelka therein alluded to is not to be found amongst the records of this office; nor have I yet been able to discover any others relating to the Zemindaries of your district -

Madura 10th June 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Received into the Honorable Company's treasury from P. Ramasawmy Rojah, district Moonsiff of Paramagoody the sum of Company's rupees (3) Three, on account of subscription to the Fort St George Gazette -

Madura 10th June 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

J. Kellie Esqre

for

E. Bannerman Esqre ... Dr

To amount of a share of Quit rent for the year 1836/37 or fusly 1246 on account of Ground occupied by you as a dwelling house, near Madura, being a portion of the ground for which a Company's Grant was obtained in the name of W. F. Newlyn Esqr on the 1st Augt 1818, for the annual rent of rupees 62-7-5 .... Rs 29-6-9

Madura 10th June 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

The Reverend Mr Todd -

To amount of Quit rent for the year 1836/37 or fusly 1246 on account of Ground occupied by you as a dwelling house near Madura .... Rs 24-8-"

Madura 10th June 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Memo:

The Sub Collector is requested to afford the Collector means to answer the Acting Civil Auditor on the subject of the fixed tent allowance, alluded to in the accompanying Copy of a letter of the 12th instant, received on the 20th -

Madura, Madaray 23d June 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl C

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly a draft in duplicate for Company's rupees 33.10.– dated 19th instant, being pay in arrears for May 1837 for Native pensioners attached to public Bungalows–

Madura, Madaray 23d June 1837– (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 238.

To the Assistant Judge of Chingleput – Cuddalore

Sir

Under the enclosed authority and at the request of the Principal Collector absent on Circuit, I have the honor to request you will do me the favor of sending me a loom adopted for the fly shuttle with as much expedition as is in your power, as two pensioners deputed to Madura on an extra salary to teach its use, have already arrived here– (Signed) T. J. P. Harris
acting Pl. a Collr.

Madura 23d June 1837–

No. 239

To the Sub Collector – Dindigul

Sir

By desire of the Principal Collector I have the honor to forward one printed Copy of each of the Acts Noted in the Margin for the use of your office the receipt of which I request you will be pleased to acknowledge

Eng. Acts No. II to IX of 1837 }
Tamil XXV and from XXVII to XXXI of 1836 }
Mahratta XXVIII and XXX of do. }

(Signed) T. J. P. Harris
a. g. P. a Collr.

Madura 24th June 1837–

~~No. 240~~

To the Acting Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of a letter from the Principal Collector of Malabar in reference to yours of the 10th March–

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 26th June 1837–

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees 955..8–, on account of Kists due to Government, by defendants in O. S. No. 253 of 1836, realized from the sale of the produce of their lands, forwarded with his Register's letter of the 23d instant– (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 242.

To the Officer Commanding Ramnad.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Salt amildar, dated the 24th, who will be happy to acquiesce in any arrangements you may deem proper for the security of the treasure.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pr. Collr.

Madura 26th June 1837.

No. 243.

To the Collector of Sea Customs Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Statements No. 1 & 2 shewing the value of articles imported and exported, together with Statement No. 3, of Ships and tonnage arriving at, and departing from, the ports of this district, during the official year 1836/37, as required by your letter of the 8th May.

The gross amount of import duty collected in 1835/36

was rupees		5303-11-3.
Ditto Export duty		29843-14-11
		35147-10-2
Ditto of import duty in 1836/37	7097-7-11	
Ditto Export duty	3952-1-2	11049-9-1
	Decrease	24098-1-1

From the amount of gross Collections Rupees		11049-9-1
Deduct.		
Expence of Collections &c	1946-11-	
Sanderwared	42-".."	
Drawback allowed	8502-15-"	
		10491-10-"
	Net Collections	557-15-1

Imports	
1835/36	125816
1836/37	169719
Inc.	43903

The increase is in the import of Chay root, Arecka and boiled Nuts, Cocoanuts and Dammer from Columbo, and tamarinds and Iron from Travancore. The decrease is in salt fish and boiled Nuts from the northward. The increase above that of last year is Rups. 43903.

Export.
1835/36 - 1177811.
1836/37 - 1393358.
Inc - 215547.

The decrease Collection in the Exports is owing to the duty on Cotton being remitted in April 1836 - Cotton to the value of 569186 rupees has been Exported, the remission of duty in which amounts to rupees 28459 - The increase is Chiefly in grain and other articles Exported to Columbo and Madura -

Drawback in Sea Custom 8502.15.
Land D° 7038.5.8.
15541.4.8.
Increase between 1835/36 and 1836/37 } 1492.13..

The drawback in last year was Rup.s 14048.7.8. and in the present up to November it was rupees 8502.15.. Since Dec.r the drawback has been included in the Land Customs, as directed by the Board under date 8th Dec.r 1836 -

1835/36 - 2353.10.6
1836/37 - 1988.11..
Dec - 364.15.6.

The Charges of Collection in the present year are less than in the last rupees 364.15.6, being difference of Pay to servants between the period of Employment and dismissal -

	1835/36 -	1836/37.
Sibbendy	1984	1946.11..
Sanderwared	42	42 .. ..
Repairs of Choukies	22.5.9	.. ..
Collector's Commission	305.4.9	.. ..
	2353.10.6.	1988.11..

The following Statement Exhibits the return of import for the Exports -

	Ceylon	Madras	Madura	Tanjore	Bengal	Tinnevelly	Travencore	Cochin	Bombay	Karical
Exports	752291.	571537.	43912.	3059.	14813.	7599.	142.	5.	..	..
Imports	75093.	24620.	7238.	22879.	2472.	7293.	26390.	2540.	1164.	30.

Madura
26th June 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P.l Coll.r

N.° 244.

To the Collector of Sea Customs - Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Statements N.° 18. shewing the imports and Exports at the frontier Choukey in this district for the official year 1836/37 as required by your letter of the 8th May -

Imports.
1835/36 - 27068.
1836/37 - 26137.
De - 931.
Exports.
1835/36 - 14738.

There is decrease in the imports of the frontier Choukey in the present year, amounting to rupees 931; and an increase of rupees 4020 in the Exports;

the former consists chiefly in boiled Rice from Travancore and the latter is caused by the greater value of Cloths exported.

The gross amount of duty collected on the general trade of the district in 1835/36 is rupees 321964. 5. 3

1836/37 ...... 324363. 13. 2.

Increase 2399. 7. 11

The Collections in the present year are greater than the last in consequence of the amount of Kists being more punctually realized.

From the gross amount of duty collected Rs 324363-13.2.

Deduct

Expence of Collections ...... 3668.10.8.

Net amount of duties received within the year } 320695. 2. 6.

Madura }
26th June 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Memo:

The Sub Collector is requested to state the particular manner in which he draws his extra tent allowance - whether only for the days in which he actually occupies them, or for the day previous to occupancy and for the day on which he ceases to occupy them, which appears to the Principal Collector to be the correct method; and in that case there will almost always be a disparity between the period for which extra tent allowance is drawn, and that of places where each day has been passed -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 26th June 1837.

Memo:

The Principal Collector begs to send Mr Hogg the rough draft of his occasional Estimate for the road from Davipatam to Madura, the return of which is not at all necessary -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 26th June 1837

(Triplicate)

This is to certify that a detachment of the 33rd Regiment N. I. consisting of one Havildar, one Naigue, and six privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st June, in charge of treasure, arrived there on the 27th and were

39 : 77

at liberty to return the next day — (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.
Madura 27th June 1837 —

No. 245

To the Superintendent of Stamps — Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return old and damaged stampt papers not disposable in this district, as per list accompanying, together with Copy of a letter from the Acting Judge, and request your authority for writing them off from the Accounts —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 27th June 1837 —

List of the quantity and value of old stampt papers not disposable in the districts of Madura and Dindigul and returned to the Superintendent of stamps at Fort St. George —

Size No.	Description	Quantity & value of Stampt paper returned: Rolls	Value: Rs.	Value: a.	Remarks
2	Stampt paper 8 Annas	2	1	..	
	Ditto 1 Rupee	3	3	..	
	Ditto 2 Rupees	10	20	..	
	Ditto 8 Do.	3	24	..	These papers are very old and unserviceable from their being injured by Cockroaches —
	Ditto 50 Do.	1	50	..	
	Ditto 100 Do.	1	100	..	
		20	198	..	
6	Stampt paper 2 Rupees	4	8	..	
	Ditto 8 Do.	4	32	..	
	Ditto 16 Do.	3	48	..	
	Ditto 50 Do.	1	50	..	
		12	138	..	
2	Europe Decree paper 8 annas	2	1	..	
	Total	34	337	..	

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 27th June 1837 —

No. 247

To Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. — Madras.

Gentlemen, Mr. Thompson having complained to me against the conduct of the Post office Writer of Madura, respecting the transmission of a letter to your address on the 11th instant, the receipt of which you acknowledged on the 14

I should feel much obliged by your favoring me with [illegible]
that part of it bearing the address to enable me to afford
Mr. Thompson satisfaction - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.
Madura 27th June 1837.

No. 248

To the Sub Collector - Thoveramcurchy

Sir

I have the honor to request you will favor me with full and early information on the following points for communication to the Board of Revenue Vizt. whether the Chowltry of Mullipaudy was supported, and from what source, during the period the village itself was under attachment, also whether during that time any allowance was made for the support of the shotrumdars. At whose cost the Chowltry was originally erected - who is now considered the proprietor of it - and under what circumstances the shotrum was originally conferred.

Madura 27th June 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 252

To the Secretary to the Committee for the revision of Customs and Post office department
Calcutta

Para 1. Sir On the 1st instant I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 17th Ulto. desiring information on certain points in the Abkarry system - and beg to apologize for the tardiness of my answer.

2. I proceed to answer your queries in the order proposed:-

1st In this Collectorate there are 1143 licensed spirit shops and 906 Stills.

2d There are 13 renters and 169 sub renters.

3d Country Spirits are chiefly prepared from the full grown bark of the Velvalum tree and Palmyra Jaggree.

4th I have no interference over the stills, but the renters are obnoxious to punishment for the introduction of any deleterious drugs.

5th Section 6 Regulation I of 1820 provides against the

dilution of the spirit by the vender.

6th I have no information to enable me to state the proportion of liquor sold in a distilled or simply fermented state.

7th A minimum sale price is fixed below which the venders are prohibited from retailing it. It is fixed at 5 Annas the quart bottle of Arrack in the Company's talooks, at the two rates of 10 do. and 8 Annas 9 pice in the Ramnad Zemindary, and at 8 Annas 9 pice in the Shevagunga Zemindary.

8th The average price is the minimum rate.

9th One hundred rupees worth of Jaggree (which however varies 10 per cent in value in different places) will produce 640 bottles of Arrack, which, at 5 do. per bottle, amounts to rupees 200.

Deduct

Cost of raw article	100
Variation of price	10
Sibbendy Charge	20
Renters profit	20
	150
Value of Manufacture	200
Per Centage of tax on natural price of the article	50

10th The venders usually receive monthly pay from the renters.

11th Venders have just been shewn to be the paid servants of the renters.

12th Illicit sale of spirits is not carried on to any great extent in this Collectorate.

13th In the subrents neglect of their obligations in permitting drunkenness, and encouraging theft by receiving grain jewels &ca in payment, prevails to a more considerable extent, and is more difficult of control.

14th The abkarry farmers are never entrusted with the powers vested in the Magistrate by section 16 Regulation I of 1820. Where liquor is smuggled proof must be produced before the Magistracy.

15th Farmers have no other interference with the proceedings of smugglers or illicit dealers than denouncing them to the police

16th Landholders are prohibited from drawing toddy except for sale to the renters -

17th The rent is usually confined to one class of Men - in one year there will be considerable competition - In another so little as to raise suspicion of combination -

18th The abkarry and Sayer rents in only two talooks of this collectorate are in the hands of the same individual - and in such cases the Sayer renter, who is usually of the class of greater capitalists, almost always sub rents the abkarry to the renter of the preceding year -

19th My opinion is greatly in favor of renting the abkarry in preference to Khass management - Men of respectability will not take service under Government in this department - Drunkards and Men of low habits alone would be available, and their control by the superior Government servants would be vexatious and insufficient - The revenue would sensibly decrease without any improvement in the morality of the people -

20th It may be worthy of consideration if it would not be advantageous to vest in the Magistrate the powers now exercised by the Criminal Judge under the provisions of Regulation I of 1820 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 29th June 1837 -

No. 254 -

To the Principal Collector of Malabar

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of T. W. Goodwyn Esqre. Acting Head Assistant Collector of your district, at sight, for the sum Annas Ten and pice six, being the portion of his Civil fund on Rs 10-8 - over drawn, and refunded by him, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors" -

Madura 30th June 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's rupees ... 41 " 10 - 6. 81

To the Principal Collector of Malabar

Sir

At sight please to pay to T. W. Goodwyn Esqr. Acting Head Assistant Collector of your district, or his order, the sum of Annas ten and pice six being the portion of his Civil fund on rupees 10-8- over drawn for 2 days deputation allowance, refunded by him which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

Madura 30th June 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 255.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer of the 4th division, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (450-3-6) four hundred and fifty annas three and pice six, being the amount of pay of his establishment for June, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

Madura 1st July 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees ... 450-3-6

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Captain Faber, Civil Engineer 4th division, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees four hundred and fifty annas three and pice six, being the amount of pay of his establisht. for June, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 1st July 1837

No. 256.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill, in your favor, for the sum of Company's rupees (28) Twenty eight, being the amount of pay of Tungamootoo Maistry attached to the Civil Engineers' department for June, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 1st July 1837.

Exchange for Company's rupees ... 28 .. ..

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Mr. J. D. Drury or his order the sum of Company's rupees Twenty eight, being the amount of pay of Tungamootoo Maistry, attached to the Civil Engineers' department, for June, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 1st July 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 257

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. T. L. P. Harris, assistant Collector of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury on account of his salary, house rent and Tent allowance, for June 1837, which is debited in the accounts of this office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and Credit, on his account, to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Salary	350 .. ..
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per Ct.	21 .. ..
	328 . 2 ..
House rent	35 .. ..
Tent allowance	42 .. ..
C.Rs.	405 . 2 ..

Madura 3rd July 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 259. 95 83

To the Acting Joint Criminal Judge - Cuddalore.

Sir,

I beg your acceptance of my best thanks for the promptitude and foresight with which you have met my wishes respecting the looms, & I beg leave to inclose you a draft on the Princl. Collector of South Arcot for the amount Vizt. rupees 130-

Ashe is of opinion that having the pattern we shall be able to make up others here at a less expense than you could at Cuddalore, because of the lower price of wood here, and we shall also save the cost of transport, but he is desirous to have a double and single box fly sent with the looms, which I hope you will be kind enough to have prepared; and the amount shall be immediately remitted with best thanks -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 3d. July 1837 -

Memo:

Before returning Mr. Hogg's rough Estimate of the road from Davipatam and Ramnad to Madura, the Collector was distinctly given to understand another copy was forthcoming in the office - Finding now that there is not, and that the work is in progress Mr. Hogg is requested to return the rough draft at his earliest convenience, when it shall be copied and sent him back again -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 3d. July 1837 -

No. 262.

To the Principal Collector of the Sn. Dn. of Arcot.

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of the Joint Criminal Judge of your district, at sight, for Company's rupees (130) one hundred and thirty, being the

cost of 2 Looms &c. prepared by him for instructing natives in the Act of weaving on European principles, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 3rd July 1837.

Exchange for Company's rupees ... 130 " "

To the Principal Collector of the Sn. Dn. of Arcot.

Sir, At sight please to pay to the Joint Criminal Judge of your district, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees one hundred and thirty, being the Cost of 2 Looms &c. prepared by him for instructing natives in the Act of weaving on European principles, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 3rd July 1837.

No. 263

To the Deputy Assistant Commissary General
Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 23rd ulto. I have the honor to forward, for your information, a Memo: of the prices at which the articles therein alluded to were sold in this district on the dates mentioned.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 4th July 1837.

Memo: of the prices of articles sold at different stations in this district on the under mentioned dates.

			Grain or Cooltу	Paddy Straw per Bullock Load
24th April 1837		Teroomungalom	@ 20 Madras Seers per Rupee	" 6 - 8 -
25th	Do.	Madura	$21\frac{1}{8}$ per Rupee	" 6 - 9 -
28th	Do.	Teroomboor	$18\frac{13}{16}$ Do.	" 8 - "
29th	Do.	Mellore	$18\frac{13}{16}$ Do.	" 8 - "
30th	Do.	Colamputty	$18\frac{13}{16}$ Do.	" 8 - "

Madura 4th July 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 264.

To the Officiating Secretary to the Commissioner of Mysore - Bangalore -

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 22nd Ultimo I have the honor to forward a Memo: of Cost for preparing one thousand Red Turbands for the Mysore Siladar Horse, on Condition of the weavers receiving an advance of half the amount, and if you will favor me with a Bill from the Accountant General for Rupees 3500 I shall be enabled to forward them within four Months and furnish you with an Account of the actual Charges -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 4th July 1837 -

Memo: of Estimated Cost for preparing one thousand Red Turbands for the Mysore Siladar Horse

	Rs.	a	p
To Cost of 1000 Red Turbands including duty @ 3 Rs. 6 as. pr. each	3375	"	"
Packing with Cloth	10	8	"
Wax Cloth for Covering	15	6	"
Ropes	2	1	7
Sewing the Bales	"	7	8
Cadjan Mats	1	2	11
4 Carts hire @ 20 Rs. each	80	"	"
Rupees	3490	10	"

Madura 4th July 1837 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 266 -

To the Collector of Sea Customs - Madras

Sir,

With reference to the Circular of the Board of Revenue, under date the 9th March last, I have the honor to forward a statement shewing the Shipment of Cotton wool, Exported to Madras, during the last week -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 4th July 1837 -

No. 268

To the Acting Judge - Madura

Sir,

In answer to your requisition of yesterday

received to day, for the renewed attendance of two Tasildars
I beg to inform you they cannot without extreme
D inconvenience be allowed to quit their talooks be=
=fore the 12th proximo—

The Hindowee Gomastah is at liberty to obey
your summons— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.
Madura 4th July 1837—

No. 269

To the Assistant Surgeon of Madura

Sir, I have the honor to forward for your in=
=formation Copy of an address from the Ameen of Soula=
D =graumom Talook in Ramnad Zemindary, shewing the
great misconduct of the Native Vaccinator Chowry
Moottoo— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.
Madura 5th July 1837

To the Acting Judge - Madura

Sir, The accompanying book contains the two
first of the documents seemed to be required by your
letter of the 26th Ulto—

I can no where, after much search, find
D any trace of the 3d. document therein alluded to, even
with the help of the amendment suggested in your
letter of the 28th— (Signed) J. Blackburne.
Pl. Collr.
Madura 5th July 1837—

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura
the sum of Company's rupees (925. 15. .) Nine hundred
and twenty five and annas fifteen, being the amount
D of fees and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales
of paper &c, in the Month of June 1837—
Madura 6th July 1837— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 270

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir, I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills

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of C. P. Thompson Esqr. Assistant Judge of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury, on account of his salary for June 1837, which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin; leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account to the Civil fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your ac=counts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

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Salary	1400 " "
Deduct Civil fund @ 6 per Ct.	84 " "
Rs.	1316 " "

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 7th July 1837

No. 272

To the Acting Judge - Madura

Sir, Tho' unable to furnish you with any pro=hibition to carry into effect Mr. Hurdis's decision re=garding the lands in dispute between Combay and Tawarom, the accompanying Copies of documents on that subject may serve to relieve your mind from doubt.

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* From Bd. of Revenue to Govt. 29 Jany. 1798
Extract order of Govt. 3 Feby. 1798

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 8th July 1837

No. 274

To the Acting Judge - Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of this date I beg leave to inform you the lands answerable for the Peshkush of the Shevagunga Zemindary have been attached to answer the demands against it - and as far as my know=ledge of its impoverishment, and of the heavy arrears against it, and my information as to the inability of the successful claimant to redeem it goes, I have reason to believe the sequestration will be of long con=tinuance, but I beg also to inform you I have not attached the Devastanom nor the private lands of the late Zemindar -

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 10th July 1837

No. 275

To the Acting Judge - Madura

Sir,

Not being at liberty to receive Bank notes

into my treasury I have the honor to return those that accompanied your letter of this date, with a suggestion that you should cut them in halves and forward them by post, and if it meets your approbation I shall then be happy in furnishing you with a Bill on the Accountant General for the broken sum of 4 Rs; meantime I have the honor to return you the notes for 3070 Rs as also the 4 rupees -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 10th July 1837 -

No. 278

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Zemindar of Ramnad, dated the 9th instant, regarding the land in dispute between Seckaracoody and Poovanee, the Katgootaga Village of the Ramasweram Davastanom -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 12th July 1837 -

No. 280

To Lieutenant Lake Paumbon

Sir,

In obedience to the instructions of the Accountant General I have the honor to request you will be so good as to write the words "Contents received" above your signature on the accompanying 4 Bills and return them to me -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 12th July 1837 -

No. 281

To the Sub Collector of Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Mr Martin's diary of his late observations in your division, and if they meet with your approbation I shall be obliged by your entering into detailed arguments in your recommendation, as otherwise the extensive works now in hand will deter the Board of Revenue from encouraging

these improvements - I would suggest your recommendation in favor of the Road work should be confined to one letter, whilst the others can be recommended in a single statement and you should give the project of the Veerapatchy repair most mature consideration, as I am of opinion it should not be undertaken without the personal examination of the Civil Engineer - The new Cutcherry at Pylney seems highly wanted, but care should be taken that in the preparation of a new building nothing should be omitted - I make this remark as some lately erected Cutcherries are ~~sufficient~~ in a proper treasure room - or guard room or sufficient space for records -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 12th July 1837 -

Received into the Honorable Company's treasury from Annajee Row, Naib Sherestadar in the Principal Collectors Cutcherry of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees (3) three, on account of subscription to the Fort Saint George Gazette -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 12th July 1837 -

No. 282

To the Principal Collector of Canara

Sir,

As requested in your letter of the 16th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward duplicate receipts of Veerasawmy Modely, Tobacco Contractor for sums paid to him from this treasury for the supply of 250 Candies of Tobacco for the use of your district -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 14th July 1837 -

Received from D. R. Lemond Esqre. the Treasurer of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees (500) five hundred, to be deposited in my treasury, accompanied with his letter of the 17th instant -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 17th July 1837 -

This is to Certify that the average price of the third sort Country rice sold in the bazars at Madura during the months of March, April, May and June 1837, was

$11\frac{12\frac{1}{4}}{16}$ seers per Company's rupee; and for July 1837 is
$9\frac{6\frac{1}{4}}{16}$ seers per Company's rupee - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.
Madura 17th July 1837 -

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division a draft in duplicate, in favor of the Principal Collector of Madura, for rupees 33 10 -, dated the 17th instant -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura Shevagunga
19th July 1837 -

No. 290

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an Extract from the Audit of my Accounts for Fusly 1245, and request your early reply thereto -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura Shevagunga
21st July 1837 -

No. 291.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose first of a set of Bills of the Acting 2d Judge on Circuit, dated the 20th instant, for rupees 719 - 4 -, for which I request you will be so good as to give me credit in your accounts for the Current Month -

Madura 24th July 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

No. 292

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 20th instt., just received, I have the honor to inform you one unvarying price of 10½ Rs. is paid for all salt manufactured in this district, and that it was formerly purchased at the rates of 2, 2½ and 3 Star Pagodas per garce -

When spontaneous salt is found fit for use it is gathered at the rate of 5 rupees per garce.

Madura Shevagunga
23rd July 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Memo:

The Principal Collector has much pleasure in returning to Mr. Hogg the rough draft of his occasional Estimate for the road from Dâveepatam to Madura, forwarded with his letter under date the 8th instant.

Madura 25th July 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 293.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 22nd instant, just received, I have the honor to inform you two European pensioners have been put under my authority without any stipulations for their instruction of convicts in the European mode of weaving.

Shevagunga 24th July 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 294

To the Dy. Asst. Commissary General
Trichinopoly.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 22nd instant, just received, I have the honor to inform you there is no quantity of gram (Coollee) procurable in this district: and I have not at present any returns on which to form a tolerable correct judgement of the price it may be likely to fetch prior to the 1st February.

Madura Shevagunga
24th July 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 299.

To the Acting Judge. Madura

Sir,

As desired in your letter of the 20th instant

I have the honor to forward the records of the case in which the Zemindar of Combay has appealed against my decision in favor of him of Tawarum-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr

Madura Throocustyoor
26th July 1837.

No. 298.

To the Acting Resident Tanjaour

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 24th instant I can only say that my opinion, so unsatisfactory to H. E. the Rajah Bahadar, on the subject of the Shavaloor and Poolancoorchy border, was given after careful personal inspection and mature consideration of the evidence offered on both sides:- The Resident seemed satisfied with the decision on my ex parte report to him; If you will take the trouble of inspecting the boundary yourself the Villagers in opposition to H. E's claim shall meet you on the spot at any time you propose, and I would do so myself with pleasure but that I am the only European revenue and Magisterial officer in this district.

If you come to a different conclusion than the one I have, and I do not think myself able to support my own views against yours, I will at once acknowledge my error - and in the other case a reference to higher authority will soon set the matter at rest.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr

Madura Cunnagoody
27th July 1837

(Triplicate)

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 33rd Regt N. I. Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and 6 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura at my requisition

on the 21st July 1837 in charge of treasure arrived there on the 27th and were at liberty to return the next day—

Madura Cunnagoody
28th July 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 301

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

Para 1. In answer to your letter of the 29th, received on the 31st Ulto, I have the pleasure to annex a statement containing the information you require regarding the assets and outlay of the Shevagunga Zemindary, and beg to add that I paid the Zemdr. during the last fusly, a sum of rupees 115840. 5. " due on a long arrear by Government.

2. From the Davastanom collections the Zemindar derives no benefit whatever but the quit rent, which is included in the general settlement, as shewn below:— The disbursements of the religious institutions do not exceed 1,30,000 Rs. per annum:— But to help you to come to a more just idea of the annual net revenues I beg to add that I believe the Zemindar has, within the last five fuslies, paid upwards of 1,20000 rupees for interest, or in liquidation of a former debt contracted against the Estate.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Palamcottah
2d August 1837 }

— Statement —

Fusly	Annual settlement	Peshkush	amount charges of Collection	Remarks
1241	298610. 10. 9.	Under	assumption	
1242	418812. 14. 3.			
1243.	497909. 2. 3.			
1244	297080. 10. 9.			
1245	308524. 14. 9			
Total	1815938. 4. 2.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	262500	60032	

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 302

To the Superintendent of Pensions
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward monthly returns of European pensioners on the Madras Establishment placed under my charge, for the months of July and August -
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura Palamcottah
2d August 1837 -

Memo:

The Civil Engineer being very anxious for the temporary use of the Dindigul Map, the Sub Collector is requested, if he can spare it, to send it by a Cooly (paid in full from the Sanderwared money) to Captain Faber's address, so as to meet him at Soondrapandiem in Throomungalom on the 14th instant, and in case of his non arrival to be given up to the Maramut Superintendent -
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Palamcottah 3d Augt. 1837 -

This is to Certify that Mr. T. J. P. Harris has received his salary, deputation and other allowances from the Madura treasury up to the end of June and to no later period -

Madura Palamcottah
3d August 1837 -
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 314

To the Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 6th instt., I have the honor to request you will be so good as to send me, by return of tappal, the papers requested in my memos: of the 13th and 31st Ulto. whether known by the title of Dufter Vadeevoo or "Revenue Royasum's rough Memorandum book of Urzees referred to the

Dufter" the document is wanted to establish a point of great importance to the interests of Government and to the respectability of your own office, and I hope, when you consider the provisions of Regulation VII of 1828, you will at once aid me by willingly affording me the document I require rather than screen a suspected offender by using your authority to prevent investigation.

I am sorry to learn so necessary a document as the one in question is so negligently and inaccurately kept, and it becomes more necessary I should see it in order to take steps for the improvement of that part of your establishment.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Calcarcovil 8th Augt 1837.

No. 307.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill, in your favor, for the sum of Company's rupees (46-7-4) forty six, annas seven and pice four, being the amount of Pay of Tungamootoo Maistry, attached to the Assistant Civil Engineer's department, for July, and for an advance made on account of Captain Faber, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura Tarrugunny
6th August 1837.

Exchange for Company's rupees 46-7-4

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir

At sight please to pay to Mr. G. D. Drury, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees forty six annas seven and pice four, being the amount of Pay of Tungamootoo Maistry, attached to the Asst. Civil Engineers Deptt. for July and for an advance made on account of Captain Faber, which sum will be credited to you under the head

of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Coll.

Madura Sarugany
6th August 1837

No. 308.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber Civil Engineer 4th division, at sight for the sum of Company's rupees (509-7-4) five hundred and nine, annas seven and pice four, being the amount of Pay of his establishment for July, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Coll.

Madura Sarugany
6th August 1837

No. 311.

To Lieutenant Lake Paumbon

Sir,

In obedience to the instructions of the Accountant General, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to write the words "Contents received" above your signature on the accompanying 2 Bills & return them to me.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura Saruguny
6th August 1837

No. 315.

To the Sub Collector in Charge of Tanjavur

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will let the enclosed Port Clearance be delivered, with as little delay as possible, to the proprietor at Tranquebar, his vessel having been obliged to leave port without it, in consequence of the state of the wind.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Coll.

Madura Calliarcovil
9th August 1837

No. 318.

To the Assistant Commissary General S. Dn.
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

of your letter of the 4th instant, and in answer to state that the present wholesale price of Cotton in this district is 63 rupees per Candy, the price paid to the grower being 61¼ Rs.; the price in August 1835 of the former was Rs. 66½, and the latter Rs. 64¾ -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura Cattearcovil
9th August 1837 -

No. 317

To the Collector of Tinnevelly Shencausee

Sir,

I have the honor to request you would be so good as to furnish me with Copy of the Register of rowanah issued by the Choteydar of Nadumundalom for betel and tobacco from the 12th to 31st July last, to enable me to clear, or confirm, my suspicions of the evasion of duty on those articles introduced into Madura -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura Cattearcovil
9th August 1837 -

No. 319

To the Assistant Surgeon. Madura

Sir,

The accompanying statement contains the information you required with exception of the numbers of births and marriages of which no registers are ever kept -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Cattearcovil 10th Augt. 1837 -

No. 320

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of C. S. Thompson Esqre. Assistant Judge of your district, for the amount paid to him, from this treasury, on account of his salary for July 1837, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and Credit, on his account, to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Salary	1400 - -
Deduct Civil fund @ 6 per Ct.	84 - -
Rups.	1316 - -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura Paracolum
11th August 1837 - -

No. 321

To Lieutenant Lake Adjutant of Engineers Paumbon

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will in future transmit to this office at the end of every month, a report on the works performed by the Convicts under your superintendence agreeably to the enclosed Form received from the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Nettoor 12th Augt 1837

No. 322

To the Collector of Sea Customs Madras

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to enclose copy of an address from the Chokeydar of Kilacaray which will, I hope, in your mind remove the charge of neglect from mine to the Merchants own shoulders. If he can make a probable story before you that the Chokeydar has imposed upon him, and is now doing the same on me, I shall be thankful for an opportunity of entering on a more minute investigation, for he has still failed to explain the cause of his collecting an import duty on the peas.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura Nettoor 12th Augt 1837

Memo:

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward transcript of a letter this day received from the Civil Auditor, and to inform the Sub Collector the requisition will be attended to unless he has any good reasons to submit in Appeal.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Nettoor 15th Augt 1837

No. 324

To the Acting Resident Tanjaour

Sir,

In further reply to your letter of the 12th instant, with enclosure from the Sirkele of H. E. the Rajah Bahader, I can only say that if the

boundary portion in dispute between Shevatoor and Pooleancurchy be not the exact spot on which I have already given my opinion, but another on the rocky hills in its vicinity, I conceive it is a question that can only be decided by an European officer or a Native of superior intelligence and habits of business:– As I before mentioned to you, I have not time to attend to the duty myself nor can I spare my Sherestadar:– If you have time and inclination to visit the spot and decide upon it I shall be happy in sending the Curnom &ca of the Village claiming, and the Ameen (Tasildar) of Tripatoor to meet, and assist you, at any day you may fix, and shall readily subscribe to your decision regarding the spot in dispute – (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura Kettoor 15th Augt 1837

No. 325.

To the Acting Assistant Judge of Chingleput
Cuddalore

Sir,

Para 1. In reply to your letter of the 27th Ultimo I have the honor to return you the 4 Stampt papers enclosed in it, and at the same time the originals of the documents of which Copies are required.

2. – I have lately been induced to remove my Native record keeper, from a conviction that he must be in the habit of giving the dates and particulars of papers required by suitors in different causes:– When I consider the correctness with which the petitioner before you speaks to dates of so long since, and the accuracy with which he apportions exactly the quantity of Stampt paper requisite for the Copy, and when I learn from my present record Keeper that the documents in question were not found where they ought to have been, in the regularly dated records of the Zemindaree, but "in a bundle thrown aside in a corner." I am much tempted to believe the petitioner has been tampering with my servant, and with a view [illegible] ... has now inserted his name as a

attesting witness to the documents in question — whereas witnesses are usually confined to two persons, and if one is a Bramin it is usual for him to affix his signature first, and the one of inferior caste subsequently; besides, has not this man's signature very much the appearance of an irregular forced insertion, to say little of the fancied difference of ink?

3. May I request the early return of these documents after you have taken copies if you please that I may prosecute the enquiry into this apparent fraud in my office?

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura Kiltoor 15th Augt 1837

No. 326

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir

Para 1. Observing the sale of a Curnoms Meerassee land in the Zemindary of Ramnad O. S. No. 18 of 1814 by order of your Court, I have the honor to call your attention to Regulation XXIX of 1802 and VI of 1831, and particularly to the last section of that Regulation

[margin: 4th of Feby 1834]

2 The Regulation VI of 1831 expressly provides against the sale alienation &c of Meerassee lands I am of opinion the Court had not previously power to dispose of the grain fees (pay appropriated from the Joint Stock of the Cultivator and the Government) or of land the proceeds of which being the property of Government set apart in lieu of pecuniary wages for one of its servants in liquidation of a debt contracted by such Curnom &c in prospective, for till the produce of the land was reaped or the grain fees made over to the Curnom &c such land and grain fees were not his property but the property of Government or the united property of Government and the Cultivator.

3. If you agree with me in my view of the subject it would seem unnecessary to trouble

superior authority with a reference:— If you disagree I hope you will be so good as to give me your sentiments at large that I may correct my own judgment, or that the case may require no further information from us when referred to higher authority.—

Kettoor 15th Augt 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 327.

To the Deputy Assistant Commissary General Trichinopoly.—

Sir, I have the honor to forward, in charge of two Coolies, sets of weights and measures in use in the districts and stations of Madura, Dindigul and Ramnad, prepared as requested in your letter of the 12th ultimo, and beg to enclose a Memo: of their Cost, and will feel obliged by your remitting me the amount.—

Madura Manamadura
17th August 1837. } (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Memo: of the Cost of weights and Measures prepared for the Deputy Assistant Commissary General at Trichinopoly.—

Madura {
1 Iron Mercal
1 Measure
1 ½ do
1 ¼ do
1 ⅛ do
1 1/16 do
1 ½ Tolam weight
1 ¼ do
1 ⅛ do
1 1/16 do
1 1/?? do
1 1 Pollam weight
1 ¾ do
1 ½ do
1 ¼ do
1 1 Pagoda weight

16 Value Rupees 6 " "
16 For Dindigul do 6 " "
16 For Ramnad do 6 " "
18 " "

Hire to one Cooly from Dindigul to Madura " 4 "
do one Cooly from Kettoor in Ramnad to Madura " 7 6
do to 2 Coolies from Madura to Trichinopoly @ 1-14-9 each 3 13 6 4 9 "

Total Rs 22 9 "

(Signed) J Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 331

To the Principal Collector of Cuddapah

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that the late renter of Sayer duties of Madura reports that not one of the rowanahs enumerated in the list of your assistant under date 18th July last has been received here.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura Manamadura }
17th August 1837 }

No. 333

To the Sub Collector in Charge of Coimbatore

Sir, As requested in your letter of the 10th instt., I have the honor to forward a statement shewing the average amount of Collections of Sayer made in 3 Chokies and 2 Mettoos bordering on your district, and to state that it is my intention to retain them as heretofore.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura Manamadura }
18th August 1837 }

No. 334

To the Sub Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir, With reference to a letter from the Acting Civil Auditor, dated the 9th instant, directing the recovery, and credit in my Accounts, of any sums disbursed from the 21st of March 1830, on account of proceeds arising from the sale of Confiscated Goods. I have the honor to inform you that a sum of rupees 3.9.7 was drawn by you as Head Assistt. Collector since that period, which I request you will be good enough to remit to me at your earliest convenience.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura Manamadura }
18th August 1837 }

No. 335

To the Collector of Rajahmundry

Sir, I have the honor to advise you that

I have, this day, drawn upon you, a Bill for Company's rupees (144-12-5) one hundred and forty four, annas twelve and pice five, being the amount over drawn by Chittalah Gopaula Sastry when Acting Sudder Ameen in the Zillah Court of your district, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura Manamadura
18th August 1837

Exchange for Company's rupees 144-12-5

To the Collector of Rajahmundry

Sir,

At sight please to pay to the Acting Judge of Rajahmundry, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees one hundred and forty four, annas twelve and pice five, being the amount over drawn by Chittalah Gopaula Sastry when Acting Sudder Ameen in the Zillah Court of your district, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura Manamadura
18th August 1837

No. 336

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit two Bills for Company's rupees (748-4-7) Seven hundred and forty eight, annas four and pice seven, as noted in the margin, agreeably to your letters of the 14th & 15th instants

Bill in favor of the Reg.r of the [illegible] for Co's Rs 603.8.2
Do acting Judge of Rajah.y Rs 144.12.5
= = [illegible] for 2d
748.4.7

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura Manamadura
18th August 1837

No. 337

To the Principal Collector of Canara
Mangalore

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo, I beg leave to enclose, for your information, an address with translate from the tobacco contractor Veerasawmy Moodeliar, shewing the grounds

on which he declines to make the refund desired by you and which I trust you may consider satis=factory -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collr.

Madura Manamadura }
19th August 1837 }

No. 338.

To the Collector of Rajahmundry

Sir,

I have the honor to annex Copy of a letter and Memo: from the Accountant General under date the 12th instant, and request you will be good enough to give me credit in your next Account for the amount shewn in the Margin -

Mr. Goodwyn's Salary for Decr. 1836	525 - "
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per cent	32. 13
	492. 3
House rent for do.	35 - "
	527. 3

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collr.

Madura Manamadura }
20th August 1837 }

No. 339.

To the Officer Commanding Dindigul

Sir,

To save you as much delay as is in my power I have the pleasure to send you, in charge of a Couple of peons, rupees 2509. 14 -, being the amount of the two bills inclosed in your letter of the 18th instant -

In future I must request you will be so good as to send your own guard to take charge of the pay of your detachment at the Madura treasury, as I have no longer means to meet your demand in Dindigul - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collr.

Madura Manamadura }
20th August 1837 }

No. 341

To Captain Marshall Commanding Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to apprize you that an order has been sent to my treasury to pay you rupees 5. 6 -, being the advance made

by you to the 2 European pensioners alluded to in your letter of the 10th ultimo - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.
Tirpavanom 23d Augt. 1837.

No. 343.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 15th ultimo, I have the honor to forward the Pymash Aloogoo accounts of Poovanee village from fusly 1230 to 1234, and also the accounts of fusly 1238.

R I have issued an order to the Ramnad Zemindar to cause the attendance of the witnesses as soon as possible before Veerabudrapillay at Coottatore in Tinnevelly - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura Tirpavanom } 25th August 1837. }

No. 344.

To the Principal Collector of Tanjaour.

Sir, With reference to the Circular of the Board of Revenue, under date the 9th March last,

D I have the honor to forward a statement shewing the shipment of Cotton Wool exported to Nagore &c during the last week - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura Tirpavanom } 26th August 1837. }

No. 345.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir, I am not aware that I can furnish you any further information on the subject of the Shevagunga Zemindary as called for in your letter

D of the 25th instant, than that already given you on the 29th Ultimo - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 28th Augt. 1837.

Received from the Paymaster, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, a draft in duplicate for Company's rupees (1) one, dated 28th August 1837, being hire of a Bullock for conveying treasure from Madura to the officer commanding at Dindigul - (signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.
Madura 30th Augt. 1837.

No. 351.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

I have intimated to Vencataputty Iyen you request that he should attend the Purmagudi Moonsiff's Cutcherry with as little delay as may be.

I know not if you are ignorant the documents you wish me to compel him to produce are of a private nature? or, if you think I have authority to oblige their production, but that no interruption may be unnecessarily offered to the Court's proceedings I beg leave to inform you I have declined interference on that point -

Madura 31st Augt. 1837. (signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 352.

E. P. Thompson Esqre. Madura

Sir,

After mature consideration of your complaint of a false overcharge being made against you by the post office writer at Madura, I beg to assure you of my full belief in his innocence, and I have not the least reason to doubt the correctness of the statement he made to you in explanation.

I regret much that your Agents destruction of the envelope of your letter, and the non recollection of the circumstance by the post office servants at Madras prevents me being able to afford a similar conviction to your mind.

Madura
31st Augt. 1837. (signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

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To the Acting Assistant Judge - Cuddalore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the safe delivery of the 2 Looms alluded to in your letter of the 19th ultimo, and shall avail myself of your offer in keeping the peon here for some time -

I beg to know if you intend sending me the double box fly requested, if so, I would feel obliged by your sending me by the same opportunity about 7 or 8 pairs of brushes - I forgot to mention this in my letter as I supposed they formed part of the machinary -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 1st Septr. 1837

No. 355.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you, a Bill, in your favor, for the sum of Company's rupees (28) twenty eight, being the amount of Pay of Lingamoottoo Maistry, attached to the Assistant Civil Engineer's department for Augt., which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 1st Septr. 1837.

Exchange for Company's Rupees ..28.. "

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore -

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Mr. G. D. Drury or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees twenty eight being the amount of pay of Lingamoottoo Maistry, attached to the Assistant Civil Engineer's Department, for August, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 1st Septr. 1837.

No. 356

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have

this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer of the 4th Division, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (276-13-4) Two hundred and seventy six annas thirteen and pice four, being the amount of Pay of his Establishment for August, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 1st Septr. 1837.

No. 358.

To the Principal Collector of Malabar

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have, this day, drawn upon you, a Bill, in your favor, for the sum of Company's rupees (25) twenty five, being the value of Goa paper for the use of the Zillah Court, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."—

Madura 1st Septr. 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 25..

To the Principal Collector of Malabar

Sir,

At Ten days sight please to pay to the Principal Collector of Malabar, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees twenty five, being the value of Goa paper for the use of the Zillah Court, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 1st Septr. 1837.

No. 359.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Principal Collector of Malabar for the sum of Company's rupees (25) Twenty five, as requested in your letter under this day's date—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 1st Septr. 1837.

No. 360.

To the Deputy Asst. Commissary General
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that

× George Aske and Thomas Rowe

under orders from Government 2 European× pensioners from the depot at Cuddalore have been placed at my disposal for the purpose of instructing the Natives in the use of the fly shuttle, and as they represent to me that they are entitled to receive monthly a certain Number of Pots & Chatties and 1 Mat, and a quantity of lamp oil daily, I request you will be good enough to put me in the way of obtaining it for them - they arrived here from Cuddalore on the 19th June last -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura 2d Septr 1837.

No. 361.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

I take the liberty to remind you my letter of the 21st July, requiring explanation to certain items in your Accounts, still remains unanswered -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura 2d Septr 1837.

No. 363.

To T. A. Anstruther Esqre Sub Collr in Charge Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to refund the rupees 3-9-7 alluded to in my letter of the 18th Ultimo -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura 2d Septr 1837.

No. 364

To the Secretary to the Committee for the revision of Customs and Post office Deptt of India Calcutta

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Statement of land Customs prepared in conformity with your instructions of the 12th ultimo, and beg to observe that the last amany Collections were more nominally so than really, for in point of fact, the tobacco and betel were rented by villages -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura 2d Septr 1837

No. 307.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an Extract from the reaudit for Fusly 1245 and request you will afford me information regarding the sum of Rups. 6-7 incurred for repairing the dispensary & white washing the Jail, as charged in my Accounts for August 1835, agreeably to your Indent for July –

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Madura 5th Septr. 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 308.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the department of public works Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward transcript of a statement furnished by Lieut. Lake, adjutant of Engineers, for works performed at the Paumbon pass by the Convicts placed under his superintendence, for the Month of August 1837, as per form sent in your letter of the 31st July last –

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Madura 5th Septr. 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 309.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the return of Mr. Hurdis' decree in the Combay & Thawarorn case, and request you will also be so kind as to return me the original Tamil proceedings held before me in the same case –

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Madura 6th Septr. 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 371.

To the Principal Collector of Cuddapah

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 31st Ultimo, I have the honor to state, that the list of rowanahs was forwarded by your Assistant on the 18th Feby. last, and not July, as stated in my letter of the 17th –

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Madura 6th Septr. 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No 372 56

To the Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir,

Some time ago you requested sanction for the establishment of some Lungree Khanas, which various reasons induced me to decline forwarding; and I should hope from having had no further report from you of the state of your division they had not been necessary.

Fearing, however, other reasons may have prevented your writing to me, I beg to inform you I have directed the Tasildars of Iyempully and Taudicomboo to hold each, Rs 100 at your disposal, for distribution in Charity in the mode you think most desirable, reporting it to me at your earliest convenience for communication to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 6th Septr 1837.

D Received from the Acting Judge of Madura the sum of Company's rupees (878-3-) Eight hundred and seventy eight and Annas three, being the amount of fees and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of paper &c in the month of August 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 6th Septr 1837.

No 374

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 5th instant I beg leave to explain that rape seed is usually grown on punjah land in this Collectorate, and the average return is one Marcall of oil from 5½ Marcalls of seed, as appears from the sanction Tariff:- On the 17th ultimo I issued instructions to collect duty upon oil seed or oil whichever newly entered the limits of a Chokey.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura
7th Septr 1837.

No 376

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery
Fort St George

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 18th July last I have the honor to annex a register of prizes together with the tickets paid in the 2nd Class of the 60th Government Lottery - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 7th Septr 1837

Register of prizes paid in the 60th Govt Lottery in the districts of Madura and Dindigul

Numbers	Rs	a. p.	Numbers	Rs	a. p.
2051	130	.. ..	3048	130	.. ..
2068 1st	200	.. ..	3052	200	.. ..
2070	130	.. ..	3058	130	.. ..
2554	130	.. ..	3059	130	.. ..
2557	130	.. ..	3540	130	.. ..
2580	130	.. ..		1700	.. ..
2583	130	.. ..	Deduct Comn at 10 pr Ct	170	.. ..
			Net rupees	1530	.. ..

No 377

To the Sub Collector in Charge of Coimbatore

Sir, I have the honor to return the bill of Manuel Martin, Assistant revenue surveyor, forwarded with your letter of the 30th ultimo, as the amount therein alluded to, has been included in the abstract furnished by the Civil Engineer for July, & remitted to him by a bill, drawn on the Collector of Tinnevelly on the 6th August - Consequently, I am unable to make the adjustment requested by you

Madura 7th Septr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No 383

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,
1 - The enclosure of your letter of the 7th instt seems to me to have no manner of connexion with the subject of the letter itself, but I beg to assure you the practice complained of in it, if indeed it does exist, is strictly prohibited -

2 - But with respect to the subject of your letter

I beg leave to observe that the Board's letter of the 23rd January 1815 has reference only to Regulation II of 1813, which has itself been rescinded by Section II Regn. II of 1817, after which new rules were enacted on the subject
Madura 11th Septr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward Copy of Vol: I of the printed Circular orders of the Sudr Adalut for the use of the office of the Sub Collector -
Madura 11th Septr. 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 385

To the Acting Assistant Judge of Chingleput
Cuddalore

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant I request you will be so good as to procure me one double box fly at your convenience -

I take the present opportunity to thank you for the trouble you have been at, and for the brushes &c you have obligingly promised to send me
Madura 12th Septr. 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 386

To the Sub Collector in Charge of Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Tasildar of Iyempully to the ~~Head Asst of the~~ Sub Collector at Dindigul, and request that if the quantity of salt therein alluded to be found correct, you will permit the Merchant to dispose of it in your district -
Madura 12th Septr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 387

To the Assistant Surgeon Madura

Sir

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date, just received, I beg leave to inform you I have

received no communication from the Acting Criminal Judge through you -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 14th Septr. 1837 -

Memo.

The Principal Collector begs to inform his Acting Head Assistant that it is necessary he should inform him (not later than the 20th of September, December, March and June) of any amount he may wish to remit to the Presidency during each month of the ensuing quarter by drafts on the Accountt. Genl. -

Madura 14th Septr. 1837 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

To the Acting Head Asst. Collr. of Madura

No. 388 -

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir

D. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th giving cover to one from your Register of the 12th instant, requiring inspection of certain documents "specified in the accompanying list" - No such list accompanied your letter -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 15th Septr. 1837 -

No. 389

To Lieutenant Colonel Montieth Chief Engineer
Paumbon

Sir

Having received advice of a draft for the pay of the Sappers and Miners at Paumbon to amount of Rupt. 1640-8-11, in name of Lieutt. Johnston, who, I am privately given to understand, has left his post thro' sickness, I beg leave to inform you that I have directed the Salt Amildar at Ramnad to pay the amount on the receipt of any officer at Paumbon, who sends the usual guard for it, to prevent any inconveniences to the men -

Madura 15th Septr. 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 390

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To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the English documents required by your Register are not in the records of this office -

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 16th Septr. 1837 -

No. 391

To the Sub Collector in Charge of Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of E. P. Thompson Esqr. Assistant Judge of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury on account of his salary for August, which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors" -

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	1400 ...
[illegible]ct Civil [fund] @ 6 per Ct.	84 ...
	Rs. 1316 ...

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 16th Septr. 1837 -

Received from the Paymaster, Southern Division Trichinopoly, a draft in duplicate for Company's Rupees (59) fiftynine, dated 14th Septr. 1837, being the amount of pension of 2 European pensioners in advance for Septr. and pay for Native pensioners attached to Public Bungalow in arrears, for August 1837 -

D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 16th Septr. 1837

No. 393

To the Assistant Judge of Cuddalore -

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that the peon you was so good as to allow me to detain here with the looms, has this day been permitted to return to his station -

D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colr.

Madura 16th Septr. 1837

No. 395

To the President of the Committee for public Instructions - Madras -

Sir I have the honor to bring to your notice

the very able and praiseworthy manner in which the education of a large portion of the community in this Collectorate has been attended to since a few months prior to the suppression of the Government Schools by the indefatigable labors of Messrs Poor, Todd and Dwight and their assistant brethern - their Schools are numerous, including one very respectable English School in which great progress has been made, as I am testify from regular attendance at the periodical examination, and one or two female Schools -

The gentlemen are American Missionaries, whose success as teachers in Jaffna may not be unknown to you: Mr Poor superintends the Schools at Madura - Mr Dwight always resides and superintends those at Dindigul, 40 Miles distant, with various Schools under Native teachers in the Villages on that route -

The Missionaries are engaged in selecting spots of land at Thiroomungalom, 14 Miles from Madura, on the road to Tinnevelly; and at Thiroopavanom, 12 Miles from Madura, on the road to Ramnad, where some of their brethern are intended to reside -

They are in expectation of receiving an addition to their members from America, and have it in view to extend their Schools over the whole Collectorate -

They are supplied from the funds of a benevolent society in their Native Country; and are rapidly introducing the use of the printed Character in the Schools as well English as Tamil: and are also in daily expectation of printed Maratta books -

The success of their labors is necessarily much influenced by the state of their funds which as far as I can judge are expended with economy & judgement, and I know no way by which the E. I.

Company may so completely and so easily attain the object of public instruction in this collectorate, as by the presentation of a sum of money to these Gentlemen for the purposes of education, unshackled by any conditions, or by the requisition of any kind of report from them. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 18th Septr 1837.

No. 396.

To the Superintendent of Pensions. Fort St George

Sir, With reference to your Circular, under date the 16th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward a return of identification of the pensioned sepoys in charge of public Bangalows in this district. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura Kotempatty 19th Septr 1837.

No. 399

To the Acting Civil Auditor. Fort St George

Sir, I have the honor to forward 3 Accounts particular of Ordinary and Extra Charges incurred for Convicts employed at the Paumbon pass prepared agreeably to the forms forwarded with your letter of the 12th Ultimo. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura Thoverameurchy 21st September 1837.

No. 401.

To the Sub Collector in Charge of Coimbatore

Sir, I have the honor to return the Bill of Mr Manuel Martin, assistant revenue surveyor, forwarded with your letter of the 14th instant, as the amount therein alluded to has been included in the abstract furnished by the Civil Engineer for August, and remitted to him by a Bill drawn on the Collector of Tinnevelly on the 1st instant. Consequently I am unable to make the adjustment required by you. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura Thoverameurchy 25th Septr 1837.

No. 402.

To the Principal Collector of Salem.

Sir, In June I proposed to the Board of Revenue that I should be authorized to purchase and present to the hill ryots of Pylney 35 Cullums of seed barley and 20 of seed wheat:- The inclosed extract from their proceedings, this day received, directs me to apply direct to you or the Principal Collector of Coimbatore:- If you can supply me I shall feel very much obliged by your dispatching me the quantity, apprizing me by post of your having done so, and directing its delivery at Dewadānaputty to the Tasildar of Thenkerray, a place about 22 English Miles west of Dindigul, and furnishing me with a Memo: of the Cost-

Madura Thoveramcurchy }
24th September 1837--- }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 405.

To Lieutenant Congreve. Paumben

Sir, I beg leave to inform you the Government do not allow the receipt of bank notes into their provincial treasuries, and as they do not pass in the Bazar of Ramnad, I cannot consistently use my influence with the Zemindar to exchange one-

Madura Kotamputty }
27th Septr. 1837- }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 406.

To the Officer Commanding detachment of the 33d Regiment N. I.
Madura

Sir, I have the honor to return the Certificate inclosed in your letter of the 22d instant with my signature entering the selling price of the 3d sort of rice-

Madura Kotamputty }
27th Septr. 1837- }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

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To the Collector of Sea Customs - Madras -

Sir, With reference to the Circular of the Board of Revenue under the date of 9th March last, I have the honor to forward a statement shewing the shipment of Cotton wool, exported to Madras during the last week -

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Madura Kotamputty }
27th Septr 1837 - }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

(Treplicate)

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 33d Regiment N. I. Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naique & 6 privates marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Septr, in Charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th and were at liberty to return the next day -

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Madura 27th Septr 1837 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Furnished to the Officer
Comg Ramnad -

Received from the Treasurer of the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Company's rupees (1500) one thousand and five hundred, forwarded, with his letter of the 25th instt, to be deposited in my Treasury -

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura Cotamputty }
27th Septr 1837 - }

Furnished to the Acting
Judge of Madura

No. 410 -

To the Officer Commanding Southn Dn of the Army
Trichinopoly -

Sir, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to furnish an escort for two lacs of rupees from the Madura treasury to the Presidency, and that you will be so good as to apprize me when I may expect its attendance -

D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura Melur 28th Septr 1837 -

No. 412

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir I have the honor to apprize you

I have this day applied to the General ... for a guard to escort 2 lacs of rupees to the Presidency -
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Madura Melur 28th Septr 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No 413.
A similar one to the Princl Collector of South Arcot - Cuddalore

Memo:-
The accompanying 2d Volum of the Circular orders of the Sudr Udalut is forwarded for the use of the Sub Collector of Madura - (Signed) J. Blackburne
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Pl Collr
Melur 28th Septr 1837.

Memo:
The Principal Collector has the honor to forward for the information of the Sub Collector Copy of a letter and its enclosure from the Sub Collector in Charge of Coimbatore, and requests him to give due atten-
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tion thereto, in the event of any of the rowanahs delivered in his division - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr
Madura 30th Septr 1837.

Memo:-
The Acting Head Assistant is requested to report for the information of Government if he has provided himself with a Copy of each legislative
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enactment as required by their order in the Judicial department under date 10th April 1835.
Madura 30th Septr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No 416.
To the Sub Collector - Dindigul

Sir,
I beg to apprize you of the determination of Government to furnish all Sub Collectors with Copies of the Fort St George Gazette to be kept as an official record in their offices -
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I request you will be so good as to inform me, for report to the Board of Revenue, if you have provided yourself with a Copy of each legislative enactment as required by the order

of Government in the Judicial department under date 10th April 1835.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr
Madura 30th Septr 1837.

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No 422.

To the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court
Madura

Sir,

Under instructions from Government thro' the Board of Revenue, I have the honor to request you will inform me according to dates of all the expense incurred by Government on the building in which you reside and in which the Register's Court is held.
Madura 2d Octr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No 423

To the Superintendent of Public works Paumbon

Sir,

There seems no manner of objection to the peon alluded to in your letter of the 29th Ultimo, obtaining leave of absence on providing a proper substitute.

I take the liberty to mention my opinion that I have no right of interference on such points, the responsibility resting on Colonel Montieth and the officer to whom he deputes his charge. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr
Madura 2d Octr 1837.

No 425.

To the Sub Treasurer Fort St George

Sir,

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General, I have this day dispatched to the Presidency in charge of a guard the sum of Company's rupees (200000) two lacs, as per duplicate Invoice enclosed.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 2d Octr 1837. Pl Collr

P.S. The duplicate receipt granted by the Jemidar Balajee row for the above is also enclosed.

(Duplicate)

Madura 2d October 1837.

Received from the Principal Collector of Madura

in good order, well conditioned, 9 Boxes said to contain treasure of various Coins to the amount of Company's rupees (200,000) two lacs, to be delivered to the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency - (Marked) × Balajee row
Jemr 33d Regt N. I.

No. 426

To the Sub Treasurer - Fort St. George

Sir

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General, I have the honor to send in charge of the accompanying guard under the command of a Jemidar Balajee row of the 33d Regiment N. I. the sum of Company's rupees (200,000) two lacs as per invoice enclosed the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr

Madura 2d Octr 1837

P. S. The original receipt granted by the Jemidar Balajee row for the above is also enclosed -

Madura 2d Octr 1837

Received from the Principal Collector of Madura in good order well conditioned, 9 Boxes, said to contain treasure of various Coins, to the amount of Company's rupees (200000) two lacs, to be delivered to the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency - (Marked) × Balajee row
Jemr 33d Regt N. I.

Madura 2d October 1837

I do hereby Certify that I received under my Charge from the Principal Collector of Madura, 9 Boxes on 9 Bandies, said to contain treasure of various Coins to the amount of Company's Rs (200,000) two lacs, to be delivered to the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency, together with the sum of C. Rs. Eight and Annas twelve for lamp oil on the road -

(Marked) × Balajee row Jemr
33d Regt N. I.

No. 429

To the Secretary to the Committee for the Revision of Customs & Post office Dept for India - Calcutta

Sir

I have the honor to forward the Statement

of Land Customs prepared in Conformity with your instructions of the 12th August – (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.
Madura 2d Octr. 1837.

Memo:

The Sub Collector is requested to correct an error in the Principal Collector's letter of the 30th Ultimo in which he referred to an order of the 10th April 1833 which should have been 10th April 1835. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.
Madura 2d Octr. 1837.

Memo:

Appended is a Memo: of retrenchment which will be stopped from your pay for the present month unless you have any substantial reason to offer against it – (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.
Madura 3d Octr. 1837.

To the acting Hd. Asst. Collr. of Madura

No. 430.

D. R. Limond Esqr. Register – Madura

Sir, Appended is a Memo: of retrenchment against you which will be stopped from your pay of the last month unless you have substantial reason to urge against it – (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.
Madura 3d Octr. 1837.

No. 431.

To the British Resident of Travancore
Trevandrum

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo and its enclosure, I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an order issued to the Manager of Ramnad, on the subject therein alluded to, which I hope you will find just – (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.
Madura 3d October 1837 –

No. 434.

To T. A. Anstruther Esqr. late Hd. Assist. Collector of Madura – Coimbatore

Sir, On the 18th August and 2d Ultimo

I had the honor to beg you to repay the money ... -ment:- I beg to call your attention to those letters, and request you will be so good as to repay the money-

Madura 4th Octr 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr

No. 435

To the Register in Charge Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of this day's date I beg leave to refer you to mine of the 16th ulto: informing the Acting Judge that the documents then, & now, required by you are not in my office-

Madura 4th Octr 1837- (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr

No. 438.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly-

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, at Sight for the sum of Company's rupees (237. 2. 8) Two hundred and thirty seven, annas two and pice Eight, being on account of Pay of his Establishment for September, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."-

Madura 5th October 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr

Exchange for Company's rupees ... 237. 2. 8.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At Sight please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees Two hundred and thirty seven, Annas Two and pice Eight, being the amount of Pay of his Establishment for Septr, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"-

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 5th October 1837 Princl. Collr

No. 437. 125

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

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Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C.E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (170-5-4) one hundred and seventy, Annas five and pice four, being on account of Pay of his Establishment for September, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 5th October 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 170-5-4

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Captain C.E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees one hundred and seventy, Annas five and pice four, being on account of pay of his Establishment for September, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 5th Octr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 441.

To the Register in Charge Madura

Sir,

I have received no instructions respecting the pay of Sergeant Cross' pension, so beg leave to return you his last pay Certificate.

If he applies to me direct I shall be happy in taking into consideration how I can meet his wishes.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 5th October 1837.

No. 442.

To the Register in Charge Madura

Sir,

In further reply I beg to inform you my records contain no correspondence whatever on the subject of your letter of this day's date between

Mr Lushington and Colonel Martinz

If you will fix a day and hour I will allow one of my servants to attend your Court with some correspondence that may have reference to the question.

Madura 5th Octr 1837 / Signed / J. Blackburne Pl.

Received from the Treasurer of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's rups. (1106-13-9) One thousand one hundred and six, annas thirteen and pice nine, being the amount of fees, fines and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of paper &c in the Month of September.

Madura 5th Octr 1837 / Signed / J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 444.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose duplicate Bills of Mr E. P. Thompson, Assistant Judge, and 3 Bills of Mr T. J. P. Harris, Assistant Collector of your district, for the amount paid to them from this treasury on account of their salary &c for September which are debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin; leaving you to draw, and credit, on their Account, to the Civil fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers from Collectors."

Mr Thompson's Salary	1400..	
Deduct Civil fund @ 6 per Cent	84..	
	1316..	
Mr T. J. P. Harris' Salary		
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per Cent	350..	
	21-14..	
	328-2..	
House rent	35..	
Tent allowance	42..	405-2..
Total Cks 1721-2..		

Madura 6th October 1837 / Signed / J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 445

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will favor me with a Bill on account of the Toriore Kattay in the Meenatchy Pagoda for whatever is due to it for the Chokanadapooram Village in your district for Fusly 1246.

Madura 6th October 1837 / Signed / J. Blackburne Prinl Collr

No. 448.

To the Superintending Engineer Trichinopoly

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Sir,

As you omitted to fulfil the promise contained in your letter of the 4th October 1836, when you subsequently passed thro' Madura, I must beg leave once more to bring my request to your notice, and hope you will be so good as to inform me when it will be convenient for you to prepare a plan & Estimate for a bridge over the Vyghey at this place -

Madura 7th Octr 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No. 451.

To the Register in charge Madura

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this date I beg to repeat to you I have no authority to pay Serjeant Cross his pension - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 12th Octr 1837 -

No. 453.

To the Post Office and Custom Committee.
Calcutta

Gentlemen,

In answer to your letter of the 28th Ultimo, just received, I beg leave to inform you that all stills and liquor shops in this Collectorate are provided with licences from, and their Muchelkas have been executed and transmitted to, me; - I believe some were in existence a few days before the formula had been fulfilled - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 14th Octr 1837 -

No. 454.

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery
Fort St George

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 2d Ulto I have the honor to annex a register of tickets sold and returned in the first Class of the 81st Government

Lottery, amounting to Companys Rupees [illegible] thousand and Six hundred, for which sum a Bill on the Accountant General, in favor of the Superintendent and treasurer of the Government Bank; is herewith enclosed -

Madura 15th Octr 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Register of the 61st Government Lottery tickets sold and returned in the districts of Madura and Dindigul

	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value		Number	Number
Tickets sold	Whole tickets						Tickets returned		
	41.	100.	3058.	50.	3071.	50.		45.	551.
	42	100.	3058.	50.	3071.	50.		46.	552
	43.	100.	3059.	50.	3072.	50.		48.	553.
	44	100	3059.	50.	3072.	50		49.	554.
	47.	100.	3060.	50.	3073.	50.		50.	555.
	543.	100.	3060.	50.	3073.	50		51.	1052
	547.	100.	3061.	50.	3074.	50.		52.	1053.
	549.	100	3061.	50.	3074.	50.		53.	1054
	1051.	100	3062.	50.	3075.	50.		54.	1055.
	1059.	100.	3062.	50.	3075.	50.		55.	1056
	1060.	100.	3063.	50.				541.	1057.
	Half tickets		3063.	50.	Rs. 2600			542	1058
	3056.	50.	3064.	50.				544	
	3056.	50.	3064.	50.				545.	
	3057.	50.	3065.	50.				546.	
	3057.	50.	3065.	50.				548.	
								550.	

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 455.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore -

Sir,

In June I proposed to the Board of Revenue that I should be authorized to purchase, and present to the hill ryots of Pulney, 35 Cullums of seed Barley. The enclosed Extract from their proceedings directs me to apply direct to you; I shall feel very much obliged by your despatching me the quantity, apprizing me by post of your having done so, and directing its delivery, at Pulney, to the Tasildar of that talook, and furnishing me with a Memo: of the Cost -

Madura 16th October 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl Collr

Extract

Extract from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date 14th December 1836 - 65

"The same observations apply to Mr. Blackburne's proposal to purchase Seed Barley x x x for distribution to the inhabitants of the hills application for these supplies should be made direct to the Principal Collector of Coimbatore x x x and the amount of Cost reported for special sanction"

True Extract (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 457 -

To the Register in Charge - Madura

Sir,

The Chokeydar whose presence you require, in your letter of yesterday's date, before the Moonsiff of Thiroopparagoondum, on the 25th Current, has just been changed to Parmagoodi, where he has probably arrived only to day - It would be a great convenience to the public service if his examination could be conducted by a paper of interrogatories thro' the Moonsiff of Parmagoodi -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 17th October 1837 -

No. 458 -

To the Superintendent of Pensions - Madras

Sir,

Agreeably to the desire expressed in your letter of the 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward the pension Certificates Nos. 1274 & 2052 3 for correction - The delay has arisen from an error in the original order for their transmission to me.

Madura 17th Octr. 1837 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 459 -

To the Officer Commanding 33rd Regiment N. I.
Palamcottah

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 16th instant and its enclosure, I have the honor to inform you that Bombardeer Ashe states that the amount was stopped from his pension by the Officer Commanding

the Depôt at Cuddalore in May last, and begs a reference be made to that officer -

Madura 18th Octr. 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

No. 460.

To the Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date I request you will be so good as to let Sathagherry Rao appear before me without any further delay -

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

Madura 19th October 1837 -

Received from the Paymaster Southern Divn. Trichinopoly a draft in duplicate for Company's rupees (59) fifty nine dated 17th instant being the pensions of 2 Europeans in advance for October, and pay for Native pensioners attached to public Bungalows, in arrears, for September -

Madura 19th Octr. 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

No. 461.

To the Collector of Sea Customs - Madras -

Sir,

I have the honor to forward rowannah No. 1093, granted to Moideen Bava of Numbetally in Shevagunga; and as there appears to be a mistake in the total value of articles, I request you will be so good, if it is so, as to make the necessary correction and return it to me -

Madura 21st Octr. 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

This is to Certify that the average price of the third sort Country rice sold in the Bazar at Madura during the month of Septr. 1837 was Bazar or $14\frac{24}{10}$ Company's seers per Company's rupee -

Madura 23rd Octr. 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Colr.

Furnished to the officer Commanding Madura

No. 404. 131

R. L. Phillips Esqre Madura

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Sir

I have the honor to return the bill for bearers and to inform you that it is the usual Charge made for posted bearers. The bearers in question were not posted by me nor with my privity.

The Charge objected to by you has been objected to by other Gentlemen for whom I have posted bearers but when I stated to them the belief that the few bearers in Madura would be reduced still lower by refusing them their usual hire, it has always been cheerfully complied with.

No objection has ever before been made on the score of Cawdy men +

Madura 23d Octr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Coll & Magte

No. 465.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 18th instant I have the honor to inform you that the Mettoos, therein alluded to, appear well calculated to command the trade in transit with reference to the Choukees and Mettoos established in this district.

Madura 24th Octr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Coll.

No. 467

To the Register to the Court of Fouzdary Udalut
Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to the further orders of Government in the Extract from the Statement of Charges incurred without Estimate in Fusly 1245 in the districts of Madura and Dindigul, dated 29th December last, I have the honor to forward a Statement of Charges incurred without Estimate in

in Fusly 1246, together with the Accounts particular for the different items therein entered, and request the necessary sanction of Government may be obtained for the same -

Madura 26th Octr. 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 468.

To the Officer Commanding Detachment 33rd Regt. N.I. Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request a sufficient escort for rupees 5,660 may be at the Madura treasury at noon this day, for money urgently required by Lieutt. Colonel Dyce at Dindigul - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 27th Octr. 1837 -

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 33rd Regt. N.I. Consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue and 7 Privates marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st instant, in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th, and were at liberty to return the next day -

Madura 27th Octr. 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Furnished to the Officer Comg. Ramnad -

No. 470.

To the Principal Collector of Tanjaour -

Sir,

I have the honor to return the accompanying 2 Hindoovee tests for Trichinopoly, which from oversight, have been forwarded with the 135 rowanahs returned to me, and request you will be so good as to furnish me with those appertaining to this district in lieu of them - (Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 30th Octr. 1837 - Pl. Collr.

No. 474.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore:

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, for the

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sum of Company's rupees (519-13-4) five hundred and nineteen, annas thirteen and pice four, being portion of his allowances and Establishment for October, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 1st Novr. 1837 —

Exchange for Company's rupees — 519-13-4

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore —

Sir,

D At sight please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees five hundred and nineteen, annas thirteen and pice four, being portion of his allowances and Establishment for October, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 1st Novr. 1837 —

No. 475

To the Secretary to the Committee for the revision of Customs and post office department for India — Calcutta

Sir,

D I have the honor to forward the statement of Land Customs prepared in Conformity with your instructions of the 12th August —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 2d Novr. 1837 —

No. 476

To the Register in Charge — Madura

Sir,

D I have the honor to call your attention to my letter of the 2d Ultimo and request you will not think me importunate in reminding you of it, as the account called for is desired to be forwarded at my "earliest convenience" —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 2 Novr. 1837 —

No. 479

To the Principal Collector of the Sn. Dn. of Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of C. R. Baynes Esqr. Assistant Judge of Chingleput, at 10 days sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (38-13-..) thirty eight and Annas thirteen, being the value of a double Box fly &ca. prepared by him, and the amount of an advance collected from Bombardier George Ashe, employed to teach the natives the use of the fly shuttle, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 2d. Novr. 1837.

Exchange for Company's rupees 38-13-..

To the Principal Collector of the Sn. Dn. of Arcot

Sir,

At ten days sight please to pay to C. R. Baynes Esqr. Acting Assistant Judge of Chingleput, the sum of Companys rupees ++ thirty Eight and Annas thirteen, being the value of a double Box fly &c prepared by him, and the amount of an advance recovered from Bombardier George Ashe, employed to teach the natives the use of the fly shuttle, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 2d. Novr. 1837.

No. 480.

To the Assistant Judge of Cuddalore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Bill for rupees 38-13-.. on the Principal Collector of South Arcot as per Memo: forwarded with your letter of the 17th. ultimo.

I take this opportunity of renewing my thanks for the trouble you have had in procuring

me the looms &c.; the Cooly has received his balance of hire rupees 2 - 8 - " - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.
Madura 2d Novr. 1837

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No. 481.

To the Superintendent of Government Lottery
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a corrected Bill for rupees 2000; in lieu of the one forwarded to you on the 15th ultimo, with reference to a letter from the Accountant General under date 27th instant.

Madura 2d Novr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

No. 482.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a rowanah granted yesterday to Roopramlaulah for 1 Maund and 6½ Seers of opium, consigned to Tinnevelly via Virdooputty, and will feel obliged by your intimating to me its due arrival. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura 3d Novr. 1837.

No. 483.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. T. I. P. Harris, Assistant Collector of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury on account of salary, house rent and tent allowance for October, which is debited in the Account of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account to the Civil fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

...ry	350 " "
...t Civil	
...@ 6¼ per Cent.	21 - 14 - "
	328 - 2 "
...e rent	35 " "
...allowance	42 " "
	Rups. 405 - 2 "

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura 3d Novr. 1837.

The Honorable Company ... Dr.

To hire of a Bullock and driver to convey Rs. 2585. 8. 3 to the Officer Commanding Dindigul on the 18th October, being the amount of Paymasters Bill No. 231 dated 14th Octr. 1837 - Rs. 1 ...

Madura 5th Novr. 1837 } To the Paymaster Southern Divn. Trichinopoly -

/Signed/ J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Received the amount Vizt. Rupee one.

/Signed/ J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

The Honorable Company ... Dr.

To hire of a Bullock and driver to convey Rs. 5860. to the Officer Commanding Dindigul on the 27th October being the amount of Paymasters Bills dated 25th Octr. 1837 - Rs. 1 ...

Madura 5th Novr. 1837 } To the Paymaster Southn. Division Trichinopoly -

/Signed/ J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Received the amount Vizt. one Rupee

/Signed/ J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 486 -

To the Collector of Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn a Bill on you in favor of the Clerk of the Crown, at Madras, for Rupees 5, being the amount of fine imposed on an European British subject for assault, which shall be credited to you in my Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." —

/Signed/ J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 4th Novr. 1837.

No. 487.

To the Clerk of the Crown Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Bill on the Collector of Madras, in your favor, for rupees five, the amount of a fine imposed, this day, on an European British subject for assault -

Madura 4th Novr. 1837.

/Signed/ J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's rupees 5 ...

To the Collector of Madras.

Sir,

At ten days after sight please to pay

to the Clerk of the Crown at Madras, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees five, being the amount of fine imposed on an European British subject for assault; 69 which shall be credited to you in my Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 4th Novr. 1837. / Signed / J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 33rd Regt. N. I. Consisting of 1 Naigue and 3 privates, marched from Madura to Dindigul in charge of treasure at my requisition for the urgent use of the 45th Regiment N. I. on the 27th ultimo.

/ Signed / J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 4th Novr. 1837.

Furnished to the Officer Comg. Madura.

No. 492.

To the Register in Charge Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the person alluded to in the letter of the Acting Judge of the 24th August, and alluded to in yours of yesterday's date, was directed to appear before the Moonsiff of Permagoody on the 31st August; and orders have been again issued for him to appear without delay.

/ Signed / J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 7th Novr. 1837.

Received from the treasurer of the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Company's rupees (786-13-5) Seven hundred and Eighty six annas thirteen and pice five, being the amount of fees; fines and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of paper &c in the month of October.

/ Signed / J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 7th Novr. 1837.

No. 493.

To the Assistant Judge Cuddalore.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 7th September I have the honor to forward for your information

3 original addresses under dates 18th Septr. 17th Octr. and 4th instant, with their several enclosures from the Manager of Ramnad, and 2 depositions from the late and present Native record keepers of my Office, together with the original documents said to have been attested by the defendant -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 8th Novr. 1837.

No. 495.

To the Principal Collector of Tanjaour.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 6th instt. just received, I have the honor to inform you that sheep skins are not included under the general head of "Hides," in this district -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 10th Novr. 1837.

No. 496.

To the Post Master - Coimbettoor -

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 4th instant and its enclosure, I have the honor to inform you the Post office Writers in this district, still continue to levy postage according to the old rules in consequence of the printed Schedules, sent for approval of the Post Master General, not being yet returned: however, I have directed the Post office Writer of Madura to charge only 4 Annas on all letters dispatched in future to Coimbettoor -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Post Mr.

Madura 10th Novr. 1837.

No. 497.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly -

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill, in favor of the Assistant Judge at Tinnevelly, at 10 days sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (123 - 9 : 8) one hundred

and twenty three, Annas Nine and pice Eight, being the amount collected from the defendants in O. S. No. 137 of 1836, of the file of the Auxiliary Court there, to be paid to the plaintiff in the said suit, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."—

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Madura 10th Novr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's rupees 123-9-8.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Sir,

At 10 days after sight please to pay to W. D. Phillips Esqr. Assistant Judge at Tinnevelly or his order the sum of Company's rupees one hundred and twenty three, annas nine and pice Eight, being the amount collected from the defendants in O. S. No. 137 of 1836, of the file of the Auxiliary Court, to be paid to the plaintiff in the said suit, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."—

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 10th Novr. 1837.

No. 498.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbettoor.

Sir,

As the time for sowing barley has passed I have the honor to request you will take no further trouble to procure me the seed I begged for on the 10th Ultimo—

Madura 11th Novr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 500.

To the Principal Collector of Tanjaour.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Copy of the Tariff as requested in your letter of the 7th instant.—

Madura 11th Novr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Memo:

The Principal Collector has the honor to transmit to the said Collector a printed Copy of each of the following Acts Vizt.

English
Nos. 15 to 25 of 1837.

Mahrattah
No. 25 of 1836
and 4. 7. 8 and 9 of 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 504.

To the Principal Collector of Tanjaour.

Sir, As Mr. Harris claims the increased allowance as having been 3 years in the revenue line, I have the honor to request you will favor me with copy of the letter first appointing him to do duty in your Collectorate.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 17th Novr. 1837.

No. 508.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbettoor

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Copy of a Memo: annexed to a letter from the Civil auditor of the 29th September, and to state that Company's rupees 39-4-5 have been credited to you, in my Accounts for the Current Month, leaving you to adjust the Civil fund, Company's rupees 2-9-11, in your Accounts, and carry the whole to the credit of "refunds of revenue Charges."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 20th Novr. 1837.

This is to Certify that the average price of the third Sort Country rice sold in the Bazar at Madura during the Month of October 1837 was 14 9¼/10 Company's seers per Company's rupee.

Madura 21st Novr. 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Furnished to the Officer Comg. Madura.

No. 509.

To the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you the sum of Company's rupees (1000) one thousand as requested in your letter of yesterday's date and beg an acknowledgement of its receipt.

Madura 22d Novr. 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Received from the Paymaster, Southern Division Trichinopoly, a draft in duplicate, for Company's rupees (61) sixty one, dated 20th instant, being the pensions of 2 Europeans in advance for November; pay for native pensioners, attached to public Bangalows, in arrears for October, and hire for the conveyance of Treasure -

Madura 22d Novr 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

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No. 513.

To the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward, for your information, Copy of an address, dated 26th instant, from the Tasildar of Madacolum, and hope you may be induced to give it your early consideration -

Madura 28th Novr 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

(Triplicate)

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 33d Regimt N. I., consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue and 6 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st instant, in charge of treasure; arrived there on the 28th and were at liberty to return the next day -

Madura 28th Novr 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Furnished to the officer Comg detacht 33d Regt N. I. Ramnad -

No. 515.

No 2 To the Register in Charge Madura

1 - Sir, In answer to your letter of the 25th Inst (received yesterday) requesting me to stay execution of a decision, passed by me, because the aggrieved party had made application to sue against me and others in formâ pauperis, until I received further communication from the Zillah Court, I beg to inform you that I see no good object to be attained by meeting your wishes; - and it does not seem to me that the Zillah Court has in the present stage of proceedings any authority

in the case: but if you will do me the favor to quote the authority on which you think your interference in form of a request advisable to the interests of justice, I shall be most happy to give it my careful consideration.

2. The decision was passed by me under provision of Section XVI of Regulation VII of 1817 - I proceeded in its execution under Clause 3 Section V Regulation IX of 1822; - and the orders of Government appear to me necessary to authorize the interference of the Zillah Court under Section XVI of the same Regulation, as modified by Section II Regulation III of 1832 -

Madura 29th Novr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 517.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will forward me the Collections made in last fusly from the villages allotted for the Abisaga Pundara Kutlay of the Meenatchee Pagoda, with an Account particular -

Madura 30th Novr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 518.

To the Register in Charge. Madura -

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date, this Minute received, I have the honor to inform you there are no "nufergidy Retwar" Accounts of the Shevagunga Zemindary for the last and Current fusly in my Office -

Madura 30th Novr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 519

To the Superintendent of Pensions Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to the General Orders by Government, 25th July 1834, alluded to in your letter of the 6th instant, I have the honor to inform you pensioners pay is never retained in hand after being drawn, which is the cause I do not trouble you

with any such Statement -

Appended is the Certificate you would seem to require -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura 30th Novr. 1837.

The whole of the pay of the Military pensioners residing, and drawing pay within this Collectorate (from my Office) in arrears for October and in advance for November, has been disbursed to them -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

No. 520.

To the Principal Collector of Salem.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, I have the honor to forward a Memo: shewing the excess payment made to the Cart drivers who brought the wheat from your district, and request you will be good enough to recover the sum of rupees 3-8 " Vizt 1½ Rupee from the Cart driver who delivered his load at Dindigul, and from the others at ¼ rupee each; which sum I request you will be good enough to give me credit for in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors," and apprize me of your having done so -

Madura 30th Novr. 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

No. 521

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber Civil Engineer 4th Division, at sight for the sum of Company's rupees (379-8-) three hundred and seventy nine and annas eight, being on account of Pay of his Establishment for last month, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." -

Madura 1st Decr. 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 523

To the Secretary to the Marine Board - Madras -

Sir, In answer to your Circular of the 24th Ulto, received this day, I have the honor to inform you there are no Marine Stores belonging to Government in this district -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 1st Decr. 1837 -

No. 524

To the Register in Charge Madura -

Sir, I hope you will excuse the trouble I am putting you to in drawing your attention to my letters of the 2d October, and 2d Ultimo, and in requesting you will be so good as to furnish me with the account of money expended on the house in which you reside and hold your Court at an early period -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 1st Decr. 1837 -

No. 527

To the Secretary to the Committee for the revision of Customs and Post office department for India - Calcutta -

Sir, I have the honor to forward the Statement of land Customs prepared in conformity with your instructions of the 12th August -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 1st Decr. 1837 -

No. 528.

To the Secretary to the Commissioners for the affairs of Mysore - Bangalore -

Sir, Five hundred Turbands have been delivered, I had fully hoped to have had the whole No. of 1000 despatched by the 15th instant, the period given: - The cloudiness of the weather has prevented

500 being yet dyed: to press the matter now would probably be to disappoint you in brilliancy of color, and I therefore request to be informed if it is desired to have the 500 dispatched on the 17th, by which time I reckon the rains will be over and the roads open, or if it is preferred they should be kept here to be sent when the rest are ready. The excuse offered is indeed true, and not made for the purpose of hiding neglect.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 2d Decr 1837.

No. 530.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. T. I. P. Harris, assistant Collector of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury on account of salary, house rent and tent allowance for November which is debited in the Accounts of this Office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw and credit on his account to the Civil fund and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts, under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

Salary	350 - -
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per ct.	21 14 -
	328 2 -
House rent	35 - -
Tent allowance	42 - -
Rups.	405 2 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 4th Decr 1837.

No. 531.

To Lieutenant F. T. Powell Commanding Company's surveying Vessel Royal Tiger - Paumbon,

Sir,

I have just had the honor to receive your communication of the 30th Ultimo. I had already on the 2d instant, sent instructions to the effect required to the Chokeydar of Paumben (Native Fiscal); and will now send orders, thro' the Salt Amildar, for similar assistance along the Coast as far as Mookayoor river where the Tinnevelly Collectorate commences.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. C.

Madura 4th Decr 1837.

No. 535.

To the Superintendent of Pensions Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Certificate

No. 1390, granted to pensioner Thomas Rowe, who died this morning of Cholera. — (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 7th Decr. 1837.

Received from the Register in charge of the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees (903-11-10) Nine hundred and three, Annas Eleven and pice ten, being the amount of fees, fines and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of Paper &c. in last month. — (Signed) J. Blackburne P. C.

Madura 7th Decr. 1837.

No. 541.

To the Acting Collector Tinnevelly.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 7th instant I beg leave to offer you my best thanks for the promise to send me a Memo: of the hour at which the post leaves Vembocottah for Madras, but as it is shewn in the Mail Index it will not be necessary to put you to that trouble.

The hour of departure of the Mail from Madura for Palamcotay is always indicated in a Memo: or paper forwarded with the Palamcotay packets, and would be easily attained by your requesting the Post office Writer at that place to forward it to you instead of retaining it. Should you prefer a duplicate I will endeavour to secure you the transmission of one. — (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 9th Decr. 1837.

No. 542.

To the Register to the Provincial Court Southern Division Trichinopoly.

Sir,

In a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government dated 22d. June 1837, the Governor in Council laid it down that in a case in which I differed in opinion with the Acting Criminal Judge I ought to

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have attended to his suggestions and afterwards sub-mitted the case for reference -

In obedience to the spirit of these instructions I find myself obliged to trouble the Provincial Court of Appeal with Copy of the accompanying correspondence with the Register in Charge, and to inform them I will stay execution of my decision.

In addition to the objections I took to the authority of the Zillah Court in my letter of the 29th November to the Register in charge, I beg leave to notice that I deem it irregular on the part of that officer to proceed to stay execution of a decree of mine on an application only to be allowed to file, and prior to admission of an appeal or suit of any kind. I am also of opinion that Sections XV & XVI Regn XII of 1802 would not have authorized the interference of a Register in Charge in this case, even were other substantial objections wanting -

Madura 9th Decr 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne P.C.

No 543.

To Lieutenant Congreve, late in charge of Sappers and Miners and Supt of Convicts employed at Paumbon - Madura

Sir, I have the honor to request you will inform me in whose charge you have left the Convicts at Paumbon, how they are employed? what necessity for continuing them in such employ, and if you have any instructions regarding their final disposal? -

Madura 11th Decr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne P.C.

No 544

To the Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir, The Collector and Register of Government Grants has communicated to me under date the 6th instt the orders of Government to receive and comply with all applications from Europeans desirous of occupying lands belonging to Government on the same terms & conditions as they are allowed to be held by Native Ryots under the

existing rules for the revenue management of the dis-
tricts respectively -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P.C.

Madura 11th Decr 1837

No 548.

To Captain Howard 33d Regiment N.I. in temporary charge of Convicts left at Paumben
Ramnad

Sir

I have the honor to forward copy Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 18th Ulto and as I understand from Lieutt Congreve there is now no Employment for the Convicts at Paumbon I request they may be put under the charge of Narsing Rao, Salt amildar at Ramnad, to whom instructions in conformity are this day forwarded -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P.C.

Madura 12th Decr 1837

No 550.

To the Principal Collector of Salem

Sir

I have the honor to inform you the amount of 8 rupees advanced by the Sub Collector at Dindigul to the wheat carriers has, since my communication to you of the 31st Ulto, been recovered by that Gentleman, as he yesterday apprized me. I request therefore you will be so good as to make the adjustment accordingly and on hearing from you to that effect I will give you credit for the amount -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 12th Decr 1837

No 551.

To the Register to the Southern Provincial Court of Appeal Trichinopoly -

Sir

On information that a summons has been issued for the attendance of Vencatavardyengar Tasildar of Thirumungalom, before the Provincial Court I have the honor to state his absence at the present time is likely to be prejudicial to the interests of Government. If his evidence is absolutely necessary to the case I humbly beg the Court to send interrogatories to be answered before the Zillah Court -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 12th Decr 1837

Received this day into the Honorable Company's treasury from D.R. Simond Esqr the sum of Company's rupees (6) Six, on account of subscription to the

Fort St George Gazette for the 3d and 4th quarters of the 75 149
current year.
Madura 13th Decr 1837. (Signed) J Blackburne
P.C.

No 553.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbettoor.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill of Mr T. J. P. Harris, assistant Collector of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury, on account of his increased salary 151-10-8 from 5th to 30th November, which is debited in the Civil 5½ per Ct 9-7-8 accounts of this office, as noted in the Margin; Rs 142-3-" leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account, to the Civil fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 14th Decr 1837. (Signed) J Blackburne
P.C.

This is to Certify that Annajee Row, late Naib Sherestadar of this district, has received his pay from this Treasury up to 30th November, and to no later period.

Madura 15th Decr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr

Furnished to Annajee Row, the late Naib Sherestadar of this district.

No 560

To the Officiating Secretary to the Mysore Commissioner. Bangalore

Sir,

[...]nday In Conformity to your letter of the 9th instant, I have the honor to inform you I have this day despatched, by 8 Coolies, 500 Red Turbands, and to state that their hire has been paid in full here. The Bill of Costs will be furnished you when the remaining Turbands are despatched, in which I will use all diligence.

I have thought it advisable to despatch the Turbands by Coolies instead of Carts for the sake of expedition and safety, as Carts are likely to be greatly delayed in the roads from the late rains: the difference of hire being only 8 rupees Vizt for Coolees 48, and for Carts 40 rupees.

Madura 16th Decr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No. 567.

To Lieutenant Colonel Montieth K. L. G. Chief Engineer
Fort St. George.

Sir,
Your bill for rupees 530, paid in October, having been unfortunately mislaid I have the honor to request you will be so good as to furnish me with a duplicate for the satisfaction of the Accountt. General.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.
Madura Moottenaindell }
17th. December 1837. }

No. 565

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 16th. instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have already forwarded all the records found in this office regarding the Pollepuls alluded to in the list submitted with your predecessor's letter of the 11th. June, with the exception of the Pollepuls mentioned in the Margin the records of which are not forthcoming in this office.

1 Vaudeemittah
2 Sauptoor
3 Shevelputty

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.
Madura Camoothie }
23d. Decr. 1837 }

Received from the Paymaster Southern Divn. Trichinopoly a draft in duplicate for Companys rupees 84-6-.. (Eighty four and Annas six, dated 18th. instant, being the pensions of 2 Europeans in advance for Decr. and Compensation in lieu of Cloathing for the current year; and Pay for Native pensioners attached to public Bungalows in arrears for November.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.
Madura Camoothie }
23d. Decr. 1837. }

No. 568.

To E. B. Glass Esqr.

Sir,
I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of a letter from the Acting Civil Auditor dated 18th. instant.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.
Madura Camoothie }
24th. Decr. 1837 }

No. 571.

To the Principal Collector of Cuddapah.

Sir
In answer to your letter of the 29th. Ultmo.

I have the honor to inform you the Chokeydar of Madura has reported to me the Opium alluded to had not reached its destination on the 23^d instant—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll^r

Madura Kadooga tunthai }
26th December 1837— }

(Treplicate)

This is to certify that a detachment of the 33^d Reg^t N. I. consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue and 12 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st instant, in charge of Treasure; arrived there on the 27th and were at liberty to return the next day—

Madura }
Decr 1837. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll^r

Furnished to the officer Com^g 33^d Reg^t N. I. Ramnad.

No. 2 77 153

To

Lieutenant J. Murrasily

Asst. Civil Engineer

4 Division

Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore for the sum of Comp. Rupees One hundred and Forty two and Annas Eight, being the Amount of Pay of the Establishment for December 1836 —

(Signed) J Blackburne

Princl. Collector

Madura }
2 January 1837 }

No. 7

To

The Surveyor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Half yearly return of the Maps of this District furnished for the use of my Office —

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Princl. Collector

Madura }
4th January 1837 }

No. 24.

To the Assistant Civil Engineer in Charge 4th Division

Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to return the accompanying abstract, and to request you will furnish me with a general one, including the pay and allowances of the whole of your establishment, and will continue to do so in all future occasions, as I must forward such an one to the authorities at Madras —

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Princl. Collr.

Madura }
10th Jany. 1837 }

No. 36

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the
Department of Public works
Fort St George -

Sir,

I have just had the honor to receive the Minutes of Consultation under date 6th Octr which you have done me the favor to forward for my information and guidance -

Doctor Wight advocates the introduction of Wilkie's plough, amongst the agriculturists, and on that Gentleman's recommendation I sent orders for a couple from Glasgow in August last, which I meant to try experiments with and if successful to introduce, as far as my means allow, amongst the ryots - If the Government are pleased to favor me with any of the Porto novo Ploughs, I shall be happy in endeavoring to give full effect to their wishes -

Doctor Wight advocates the use of the wheelbarrow by field, or Road, labouring convicts - Wherever the labor of convicts has been at my disposal for improvement of roads, I have endeavored to extract the greatest possible labor from them by confining their services to breaking the earth, smoothing and dressing the roads and loading and unloading the bandies, which I always employ for transport, paying for their hire from the 700 Rs. pr. annum which the Government have entrusted to my discretion - From this fund I have also supplied them with crow bars and pickaxes and have constructed a number of small

6. Carts or trucks for the transport of stones, which

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I shall shortly have occasion to make use of. I conceive the bandy more efficient than the wheelbarrow, but shall be happy to have some made if your instructions are repeated.

Doctor Wight advocates the propriety of making convicts exercise european tools at their respective trades in the Jail and particularly the use of the Fly Shuttle. As the Jail and Convicts are exclusively under the Judge, I will only give my own opinion that in doors labor is not generally a desirable mode of punishment. but I will add that I conceive the introduction of the fly shuttle amongst the very numerous weavers, congregated within the fort of Madura, would be a great blessing, and might be attended with much success. If you would recommend the Government to send a couple of Europeans, skilled in the use of this instrument, and one or two musters, after which to make others, and give me a descretionary power, within a certain limit, to make advances for the construction of new, or adoption of the old looms for the purpose, I trust the community at large would soon find the benefit of them.

Many months ago I caused a Mill to be made for separating the husk from the rice, after the fashion of those in use in Rangoon, as communicated to me by Captain Hutchings of the 33 N. I, and tho' it is admitted to save much labor, I believe, no one has yet adopted the improvement. It has long been exhibited to the public at the Cutwal's Choultry, the price would generally be within 6 or 7 rupees. I have lately had business of more importance pressing on my attention, but I will use my best endeavors to meet the Boards wishes in the introduction of means for giving greater efficiency to manual labor.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 24th Jany 1837.

No. 22

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Depart.t of P. Works
Fort St George

Sir

Agreeably to your desire I have the pleasure to forward plans of a bridge proposed to be thrown over the Manjelaur in the talook of Nellacotay valley of Dindigul –

(In a letter under date 17 Jany 37)

Signed J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

Madura
Kottampatty
31st January 1837

Statement of Works performed in the District of Madura & Dindigul in the year 1836 defrayed from the 700 Rupees sanctioned to be disbursed annually on 21st July 1835.

1. In January an excellent road was marked out and completed from Shippacolum where the European Gentlemen reside at Madura, across a fine 3 arch bridge that had never hitherto been made use of till it met the high road from Madura to Trichinopoly in the limits of Thamarapully, about 2 miles South of Chittampatty bungalow.

This was done by the coolies on fixed pay mainly aided by the prisoners. –

It is of some tho' not very considerable advantage to the public, but to European travellers it is a saving of 2 miles in eleven; and a good, in room of a bad road, & considering the relative advantage and smallness of expense is a valuable and economical improvement. The total length of the road is about 7 miles. and the masonry works the materials of which were paid for out of this fund were 4 small

(bridges)

tunnels -

2 - In February the system of Coolies on fixd pay was deemed objectionable, and money was paid daily to the villagers, thro' whose limits roads ran, & this system has ever since been pursued with satisfactory results. A Sluice of 10 yards, and a tunnel were erected in this month on the great high road between Tirparagoondom & Chittampatty; the hire of carts was paid for conveyance of gravel, and a considerable portion was raised & repaired.

3. In March the same great road was improved to the extent of 2191 Sq. Yds between Vilinputty & Thirkathiroovoo; and the Convicts were mainly aided in their work, in the limit of Tullahcolum, on the same high road, by the hire of carts to convey gravel from the pits in the vicinity to the road, and this portion of it will be very substantial where nothing but heavy sands were before; and when a causeway shall have been laid across the river, where I have in vain recommended a bridge, the approach to Madura fort from the North will be more easy and convenient than it probably ever was -

4 - As the work was not afterwards carried on in a continuous line, but from place to place according to greater or less necessity, I shall confine my report to stating that the whole of the money was employed on the above road - to a small extent on the Dindigul road - & in simple but highly advantageous improvements within the Fort of Madura - The following abstract will shew the particulars.

particulars of expenditure during the year—

Coolies on fixed Pay	149 - 9 - 7
Carts conveying gravel	90 - 5 - 0
Estimated value of cooly labor performed	77 - 0 - 3
Materials and bricklayers for the erection of 28 chains in the Fort of Madura, & for 17 tunnels and 1 Sluice on the high roads	218 - - 10
Price of 6 Stone trucks and 2 Compound levers	115 - 7 - 4
A Measuring rope, and Water pots	1 - 4 - 0
	651 - 11 - 0

5. I trust sincerely the Government will approve of the continued annual expenditure of 700 Rupees on my own authority, for tho' I may not have succeeded in clearly shewing the advantages derivable from it, I beg to assure you I feel them sensibly—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
6th Feby 1837

No. 57.

To The Acting Civil Engineer
Kulwarputty

Sir,

Not having been favored with any notice of my communication of the 16th November, of the retrenchment of 4 rupees ordered against you by the Accountant General I beg leave to apprize you that sum will be deducted from your indent for next month—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
11 February 1837

No. 58

To The Acting Civil Engineer 1st Division
Hallwarputtee

Sir,

1. The two Delyets required by your letter of the

the 5th instant will deliver this, and with it the 1927 Rupees as therein requested.

2 - Moneyaffia Maistry will meet you at Kul-warputty and the talook maistries will be in attendance on your giving notice as you enter their respective talooks and will furnish you with the accounts of work done in 1836; of occasional and ordinary works proposed for 1837; of useful tank work undertaken without estimate or sanction, on the responsibility of the Tasildar, with a view to find employment for the poor in their respective villages; and of wells or ponds for the people under similar considerations.

3. Then Palny being deemed unfit by its feverish situation for a talook cutchery, I shall be glad, if it suits your convenience, to examine the locality for a new, or for an enlarged one in the village of Vera Palny. I make this request as not knowing how far it is desirable to recommend either one or the other, and shall be glad to discuss the subject personally with you hereafter; and I wish you also to give your attention generally to the road from Palny to Dindigul, with a view to its future complete or partial repair -

4 - I forward extract from a statement of Occasional works on wh. much money has been expended without any corresponding benefit, and beg to recommend it to your careful and early consideration for report to the Board of Revenue -

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5. I also send you an occasional estimate for masonry works on the newly sanctioned road repair from Dindigul to Madura, and beg to inform you I have authorized the expenditure on my own careful consideration of their instant necessity, supported by Mr Davidson's entire concurrence for the portion within his division; and I beg you to satisfy yourself of my correctness on this point to enable you, if you think proper, to recommend retrospective sanction. If, on your arrival at Dindigul, you find Mr Davidson still in charge, I am sure his care and information will compensate for any omissions of mine in this letter.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
11th February 1837

No. 81

To Captain C. E. Faber
Acting Civil Engineer
1st Division
Cochin

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill drawn on the Principal Collector of Malabar for Company's Rupees (162. 8. –) one hundred and sixty two and Annas eight, being the amount of Pay of your Establishment for last Month, and the other 30 Rs. have been paid according to your desire to Mr Burby. I have been unable to grant a receipt for 20 Rupees on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore from your omission to state in whose name it was to be made.

Madura 1st March 1837 – (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 85

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of P.W.
Fort St George

Sir

1 In the 4th para: of my recommendation for throwing a bridge over the Vyghey, under date the 10th August last, I suggested the propriety of procuring me permission to make use of the stones in the Fort of Madura.

2. Unable to obtain the attendance & report of the superintending Engineer, as required by your instructions of the 25th August 1836, & daily observing the exceeding inconvenience to traffic, I turned my attention towards a partial remedy of the difficulty by covering it with a pavement, which I meant to secure by laying down the stones no higher than the bed of the river with 3 or 4 inverted arches & deep hollows; and, if necessary, to secure them in their places by driving piles to save them from the undermining power of the freshes; and as I meant to execute the work by aid of convicts, whenever the Acting Criminal Judge would let me have them, and by partial aid from the 700 rupees allowed me annually; and by inducing the many bandy owners of Madura to give me the use of their bullocks for one day gratis, I hoped to execute a work without expense to Government, that should be of sufficient accomodation till the sanction already sought for a bridge could be obtained, and with this view I, on the 20 December, addressed

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my request that you would be so good as to procure me sanction to make use of the stones of the Fort. Carts for the transport of the stones are already built, and had I had permission to use the stones, the work, I trust, would have been fairly commenced —

3\. If I am thought impatient in repeating my application I hope it may be overlooked

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 3d March 1837 —

No. 102

To The Civil Engineer
4th Division
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Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Bill drawn upon the Princl. Collector of Malabar, in lieu of the one drawn erroneously on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore, and as the amount has already been adjusted with the Principal Collector of Malabar, I regret that I cannot grant you an order on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore, as requested in your letter of the 6th instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 11th March 1837 —

No. 80

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Depart. of P. Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

1\. Understanding that the Sappers, now employed at the Paumbon pass, are under orders to march to the Neilgherries at the end of May, and that they will be required back in August, I beg to

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to suggest, for your consideration, their employment during the intermediate period in this district, as a matter of economy.—

2. I have lately had an estimate made for the greatly wanted improvement of the road from Ramnad to Madura (Ramnad is 30 miles from Paumbon) chiefly consisting in the erection of bridges to the amount of 22000 Rupees— I have not purposed to submit these works for the sanction of Govern^t. till I have ascertained my failure to get them done by private subscriptions, as I hope before long to have other more important ones to submit for their consideration. If you would think it good to employ so expensive a means as sappers on this work, the immediate sanction of Government would be requisite for the preparation of Materials, indeed a few days delay would prevent me procuring them in time.—

3. The 2^d Member of the Board is well acquainted with the nature and situation of the Pylney hills, and a report upon their capabilities has been forwarded within the last few months to Government by Dr Wight, who, I believe, is still at Madras, and would, I am sure, afford the Board any information on them in his power.— If it is the wish of Government to encourage them, I would suggest the present as a favorable time for employing the sappers in constructing an easily practicable ascent for bullocks from the south side from the Devadāna putty village. It might be led either direct over a steep rocky way, or by a less hard but more circuitous one by the Anaicoopen— I think both these

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roads have been considered by the 4th Member of the Board. Whatever portion of the ascent is completed by the sappers, so far is a direct gain; and when they are no longer required at Paumben, they can relinquish their undertaking on the Pylney's in favor of the Neilgherries. From Paumben to the foot of the hills past Devadanapatty, is about 153 miles.

4. The road of 8 miles from Paumben to Ramaisweram is formed of oblong stones over sand. By the entire removal of many & displacing of the greater part of what remain, the pavement is rather an obstacle than a convenience, and it is desirable to restore it, which can be done either by reducing its width, or by taking stones from the old fort of Paumbon, or by purchasing others. If you think it desirable to employ the sappers on this work, which would retain them on the spot, their batta or charges can be fairly met by the funds of the pagoda, to the extent for which the same work could be performed by the hired laborer of the country.

5. The Board will observe that I do not trouble them with more than an outline, as I am in doubt if they will deem any of the suggestions worthy of a moments consideration.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Sub. Collector

Madura 15 March 1827.

No. 118

To, The Officiating Secretary to the
Bd. of Revenue in the
Deptt. of Public Works

Sir,

In reference to the Minutes of Consultation

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consultation, under date the 10 Instant, I have the honor to request you will procure me permission to make use of 2000 yards of stone, one foot wide and one foot thick for the purpose of constructing a causeway over the river Vighey, close to the Fort of Madura, and on the high road from Palamcottah to Madras, to be taken from the delapidated Fort of Madura, or from the ruined palace, as they may be found best suited for the work.

R In my letter of the 20 I gave you a brief statement of the nature of the work, & I purpose carrying it on in communication with the Cl. Engineer, but if his visit to this district be long delayed I hope to make some progress in it before his arrival.

I would also request you would procure instructions to the Acting Crim. Judge that every prisoner not absolutely required for other petty services, should be employed on this work, even to the interruption of the paper manufactory, as without their active aid the execution of this valuable work would be, if sanctioned, a heavy expense to Government.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
20 March 1837

No. 120

To Lieutenant Colonel Monteith
Chief Engineer
Paumben

Sir

Having no Authority to remit duty on articles purchased for the public works at Paumben, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to pay the Chowkeydar the duty on the 7 Jack

Jack and 4 Jully planks alluded to in your letter of the 13th instant. There was nothing in my order to that officer to prevent the merchant disposing of his goods to whom he pleased.

I have written to the Principal Collector of Tanjaour to inform him of the circumstance.

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
20 March 1837.

No. 128

To Lieutenant Col Monteith
Paumben

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Memo of Costs of Cocoanut &ca. trees furnished from the Ramasweram Dawastanom Tope for the use of the Paumben Work and request that the amount may be paid to the ameen of the Ramaswerum Pagoda if not open to objection.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
27 March 1837.

Memorandum shewing the Value of the Cocoanut &ca. trees supplied for the use of the Paumbon Work through the medium of the late Choukedar.

36	Cocoanut trees at 10 Annas each	22. 8 ..	
10	Palmira do. do.	6. 4.	28. 12 "
	On the 27 February 30 Cocoanut trees supplied by the Ameen himself to the Chief Engineer		18. 12
			47. 8

Madura 27 March 1837.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

To

No. 137

To The Civil Engineer
4th Division
Tinnevelly

Sir,
I have the honor to transmit State-ment with an Abstract and Data, (from No. 1 to 31) of Probable Estimates of Ordinary repairs of Tanks and Watercourses &ca, in the Districts of Madura, and Dindigul, for the year 1837.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 3rd April 1837.—

No. 138

To The Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division
Tinnevelly

Sir,
I have the honor to transmit the under-mentioned Statements, for the actual Expenditure of works performed for the repairs of Tanks, and watercourses &ca, in the Districts of Madura, & Dindigul, for the year 1836 Viz.—

No. 1 & 2 Statements of Ordinary repairs, together with an abstract, exhibiting the works performed from 1st January to 11th July, & from 12th July, to 31st December 1836 – Rupees	17678	15	–
Account particulars of Batta paid to the pensioned Sepoys stationed at the public Bungalows on the high road	235	1	"
Statement of Extraordinary repairs	564	12	"
Statement of works performed for repairing high roads &ca	3853	10	9
Statement of Occasional repairs	699	1	"
Total Rs.	23031	7	9

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
3rd April 1837

No. 151

To

The Civil Engineer

4th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Tasildar of Trimungalom reports, in his address of the 8th instant, that the Wod-ders decline to undertake the construction of the inverted Arches included in the Road Estimate, and sanctioned by Government, on the 6th February last, at the Cost of one Rupee the square yard, owing, as they state, to the difficulty in procuring forage for cattle at that place; and as they demand at the rate of 1½ Rupee per square yard, I beg you will be good enough to procure sanction for the Excess, being Rupees 400.12, for 01½ square yards, that the work may be commenced upon immediately.

Shevagunga
14th April 1837.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.—

No. 155.

To

The Civil Engineer

4th Division

Sir,

With reference to a letter of the 6th Ultimo from the Officiating Secretary in the Department of Public Works, I have the honor to forward an Estimate in detail for the repair of Tanks &ca in four Villages in the Zemy of Ramnad, belonging to the late Cash Keeper Bickaujee Row, now under the Management of

of Government Officers for liquidation of balance against him, for Rupees 986. 14. 3, for which I beg, you will procure me the necessary sanction of Government.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
17 April 1837

No. 169.

To The Civil Engineer
4th Division
Madura

Sir,

D I have the honor to forward the undermentioned Estimates of repairs amounting to Rups. 4951. 15. 7. Viz.—

Occasional Estimate for repairing Tanks and Watercourses &ca.	2803. 5. ..
" on repairing roads and constructing bridges part of the road from Madura to Parea colum	1646. 2. ..
" repairing Talook cutcheries & Public Bungalows	502. 8. 7
Total	4951 15. 7

and request the necessary sanction of Govt. may be obtain'd for them.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
20 April 1837

No. 101.

To Captain Hugh Cotton
Civil Engineer 3d. Divn.
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill drawn on the Collector of Trichinopoly for the

D sum of Company's Rupees (28) Twenty eight, being the amount of Pay of 4 Lascars attached to

to Lieutenant Shaw, late 2d Assistant Civil Engineer of the 4 Division for September and left in deposit in this treasury -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madras
29 April 1837

No. 190

To The Secretary to the Bd. of Revenue
in the Deptt. of P. Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. On the 17 Ulto. I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 10 of the same month requiring any suggestions I might have to offer regarding Huzzoor and Talook maistries and respecting the best system for the preservation of public roads and bridges.

2. The Maistries employed in this district appear to have been men on whom the appointments were confered because they had shown some skill in the erection of public bungalows or private houses and it seems to me that more efficient men were not procurable. The late Acting Civil Engineer complained much of their unfitness, and, fully agreeing with him, I with great willingness dismissed the head or huzzoor maistry of the second class, where there was a vacancy, [entertaining his son as a maistry] to make way for a man recommended by him to whom I gave the title of Kudimaramut Superintendent. The man died before I ascertained if his abilities were superior to those of the one

I had displaced, and before I had an opportunity to select another, the present Civil Engineer recommended one in whose behalf, at his desire, I attempted to obtain a higher rate of pay - the Board of Revenue approved but the Government would not sanction the increased expenditure. - the man recommended by the Civil Engineer has accepted the situation in face of trebly advantageous offers in point of pay by the Princl. Collector of Malabar. - When I can from experience say he is deserving of it, I shall venture to press the recommendation of a much higher rate anew on the Board's consideration

I look upon all the maistries in the district as inefficient from their knowing only that single branch of their duty of putting stones or bricks together; to the construction of roads, and judgement in selection of scites, or repairs of tanks I think them unequal, but they are willing and are surely improving from their communication with the Engineers when in the district, and from their more continued employment. - men of greater ability are not to be procured on their pay and their temptations to corruption are great.

The Civil Engineer is of opinion that if he could secure talook appointments for fitting personages, he would have no difficulty in surrounding himself with a certain member who would gain daily instruction by accompanying him on his tours: for my own part I can only say I should be exceedingly happy to accept the services of any such on occurrence of a vacancy, and I would with equal pleasure keep vacancies open to be so filled up for any reasonable time -

3. It is only now that my attention appears, from the records, to have been paid to the roads.

roads in this district and as I cannot therefore
speak from experience I offer with considerable
hesitation the theoretical suggestions that occur to me.

By the recent liberality of Government about
100 miles of road from the Trichinopoly to the Tin
nevelly frontier from Dindigul to Madura, and from
thence to the coast at Tondi, have been put into
very passable order, and perhaps little more is requi
site to make them as perfect as is called for by
the present state of commerce and intercommunica
tion: but such a variety of ground do these roads
run thro' that no general rule can be applied to
all for their maintenance and preservation, with
reference to soil and population; and with refer-
ence to these two points it would be as hard to exact
their repair by the inhabitants in some places as
it is requitable in many others. — I cannot help
thinking a great deal depends on the personal charac
ter of the Collector and the degree of support or
encouragement he may receive from the Government.

As a few of the leading principles from which
I hope to derive assistance in this object I will
mention first the confidence with which Government
has entrusted me with the discretionary outlay of
Rupees 700 per annum, checked only by the annual
bill of particulars. — 2d drawing the police & revenue
Chettoos from the secluded corners in which I found
them here, and establishing them at 4 or 5 miles
apart in the great high roads, and by which I find
the police and revenue duties of the peons have as
yet been better executed, and 3d by supplying

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each of these Shettoos with a couple of Mumvettees pickaxes Rammers and bank beaters and a couple of billhooks for lopping the too luxuriant branches of the trees -

4 I cannot avoid here expressing my opinion that it is a false economy which has restricted the construction of new or repair of old roads to 5 yards. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 9 May 1837. -

No. 191

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division

Sir, I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing the Revenue of the lands under the Shenkurray Channel in Sholavundan as requested in your letter of the 2nd instant. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
10th May 1837.

No. 196.

To The Civil Engineer
4th Division
Dindigul.

Sir, In October of last year a sum of 28 Rupees was kept in deposit from the amount of your abstract for September, at your demi official request - Desirous to clear my accounts from this improper head I request your instructions what to do with the money. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
10th May 1837.

No.

To The Secretary to the Bd. of Revenue
in the Depts. of P. Works
Fort St. George.

Sir, With reference to your communication of the

the 18 Instant (received this day) of directions having been given to the pensioners Thomas Row and George Ashe to put themselves under my orders for the instruction of weavers in the use of the Fly Shuttle I beg leave to recall to your recollec-tion the suggestion in my letter of the 24 January that looms of that construction also should be sent me, and unless you are aware that the two pensioners are able to construct such looms, I beg to suggest their departure for Madura should be delayed till the machinery can be supplied.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
25 May 1837

No. 210

To The Civil Engineer
4 Division
Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to your diary of the 2 instant I have the honor to inform you that I found it Expedient, upon personal inspec-tion to grant the Wood..., with the Exception of the works at Shevaracottah & Teroomungalom at the rate of 1/2 Rupee per Cubic Yard that the work may Commence immediately.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
25 May 1837

No. 213

To The Secretary to the Bd. of Revenue
in the Dept. of P. Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have much pleasure in ack-nowledging the receipt of a second copy of sections 80 and 81 of Arrowsmith's valuable Indian Atlas

cattaes which have this day been made over for the use of the Sub Collector.

I do not think another copy can be requisite for the use of the district.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
31st May 1837

No. 218

To The Civil Engineer
4 Division
Tinnevelly

Sir

In the last two years whilst engaged in the reconstruction of roads under your estimates, I have found the utmost difficulty in getting the work done at the rates sanction'd, which are no higher than those authorized for tank work, where, if undertaken at the proper season, the ground is easily broken and the villagers willing & eager to work: where roads are made the ground is usually difficult & the greatest possible unwillingness is shewn to undertake even the kind of labor, I therefore beg to suggest, on data obtained from the different talooks, that sanction should be obtain'd for averaging all road earth work at 9 pice per yard.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
1st June 1837

No. 223

To Captain O. C. Taber
Civil Engineer
4 Division
Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Bill drawn on the Collector of Tinnevelly for the sum of

of Company's Rupees (335. 1. 4.) three hundred and thirty five annas one and pice four being the amount of Pay of your Establishment for May including the allowance of Surveyor Williams. I herewith return Mr. Hogg's Bill as the amount is included in the abstract furnished by you.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
6th June 1837

No. 233.

To The Civil Engineer
4th Division
Shencottah

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 6th Instant, I have the honor to inclose a demi-official one from Colonel Fraser which I will thank you to return after perusal & will endeavor to meet your wishes on the subject when received.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
9th June 1837

No. 249.

To the Civil Engineer 4th Division
Palamcottah

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you the Tasildar of Nellacotay has reported the necessity for an additional outlay of Rs. 119-15-9 for raising the piers of the Bullagoontah Bridge 72 feet long 5 broad & 4 wide, rendered necessary by the change of scite made under your personal instructions, and I request you will be so good as to obtain the sanction for it, or bear it in mind when recommending the passing of the Bills of actual Charge.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 28th June 1837.

No. 251 89 178

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works.

Fort St George

Sir,

1st On the 24th I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 15th Instant with Copy of a Memo: of Lt. Best for improving the System of Carrying on Works of irrigation, and requiring my Opinion on the different points contained in it, with the least practicable delay, which it is expected by the Board to be within 10 days of its receipt -

2 2. First. Mr. Best objects to the policy of having originally fixed an Assessment lighter (as in Caroor of Coimbatore) than it would otherwise have been, on a provision that the large as well as the small channels (which latter practice is general) should be cleared out at the Cost of the Ryots.

Second. He objects to the encouragements held out to Ryots to erect works of irrigation by the Dusvandum tenure, (the rules for which were Circulated under date 1st Nov. 1834)

Third. He approves of the rules in force for the execution of "Occasional Works" with exception that the Estimate is objectionable in form, & the rules deficient in their having no provision for new Works to prevent loss from existing Cultivation, or to obtain advantage from new.

Fourth. He particularly objects to the requisition of Estimates for "Ordinary Works" as unnecessary. And to the form in use as very bad. And with respect to that portion of the ordinary works which has reference to Tanks, he objects to the want of science and erroneous principles

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on which they are conducted by the Native revenue Servants, instancing their more general errors, regretting the total inadequacy of the Engineers Department to supply the deficiency; stating that loss is sustained by Government in Consequence from money misapplied & from Continued want of economy in preservation and distribution of water; - And pointing out how by a very general Reformation and alteration of the Scites of tanks the means of irrigation would be greatly improved - Wet Cultivation carried to a great extent - the necessity for remissions superseded - Subsequent outlay by Governmt. for keeping in repair &ca. exceedingly reduced, & the duty of Superintendence of the works & checking of accounts brought into sufficiently narrow limits to be Coped with by the Engineer's department. Mr. Best foresees difficulty & opposition to the introduction of his suggestions but by no means looks upon them as impracticable; - He also animadverts on the injurious tendency of retaining the Nunjah Assessment on lands where water has ceased to be available & he considers this change of scite (or making of new Tanks) and the thorough and immediate repairs of the best of the existing ones would far more than Compen:sate for loss arising from desertion of the worst, which would gradually take place as they become filled up:- and if these suggestions were followed up "Ordinary tank Works" would no longer be required. Tho' "Ordinary works" are now indispensible to the beds and banks of channels, yet if once put into a state of scientific repair their necessity would be superceded by "Occasional ones -

Mr. Best advocates the abolition of ordinary Estimates on the score of the great waste of time & labor in the preparation of a voluminous & unnecessary document -

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Fifth - He recommends a longer continuance of the Civil Engineer at the same place to enable him to make more minute examination of works of irregation

Sixth - He observes on what he conceives the anomaly of granting Remission for Crops depending on artificial means for their irrigation, and not on those dependent on the falling rain; but without laying much stress on his own opinion on this point, he makes a passing observation on the generally acknowledged opinion that a standard is required for the regulation of Nunjeh Remissions -

Seventh - He deduces the Principal Cause of unproductive Nunjeh to the want of Judgement and discrimination - to the poverty, wilfulness - opposing interests & opinions & unwarranted hope, or rather expectation of a peculiar providence in his own favor, by the Ryots, which prevents them regulating the extent of Cultivation by the means of irrigation - And to the blind credulity and equal want of Judgement or inattention of the Tahsildar - and proposes as a remedy, unattended with any great practical difficulty, an actual measurement of the Contents of tanks & land to be irregated, which he is of opinion would reduce the correct distribution to a Certainty by the local revenue servants -

3. To me there seems good grounds for Mr. Bird's first objection, but it seems also a partial evil & capable of local remedy: - If the tax was made light on Condition of Certain useful work being performed, blame attaches only to the local European Officer for not exacting it - or, if he finds the work required more than a just Counterbalance for the reduced tax, it is open to him to recommend imposition of the full tax & resumption of the onus of the works required -

Second - Dasswandum tenures are mere matters

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of speculation - It is not to be supposed a poor ignorant Ryot would wish to undertake them :- They require some Capital - capital argues some degree of prudence - If the undertaker commenced in presumption only, the failure is his own loss & punishment :- The utmost loss to Government is the continued unproductiveness of what yielded no revenue before :- I am inclined then to a favorable opinion of this kind of tenure & look upon it as a boon to the Ryot likely to develope his powers of discrimination and industry & to open to him a road to wealth by employment of any Capital he may happen to have -

Third :- The objections to the Occasional Estimates do not strike me so forcibly as they seem to have done Mr. Best, & to me they do seem to provide for the execution of entirely new works, & also for the improvement of old works to an extent capable of increasing the quantity of wet Cultivation: For the use of the Talooks & the Collr's Office the detail of the Estimate is more voluminous than necessary and gives great trouble with loss of time - How far the detail is requisite as a check at the presidency, is for higher authority to determine - Loss to Government in the proposition & execution of Occasional Estimates are owing to two causes :- partiality & corruption, and want of science & judgement - the first is to be met by the vigilance of the Collector, and ought not to be more common or difficult to subdue in this particular department than in the many others which are committed to his control - the second can only be obviated by the united judgement of the Engineer & Collector and their cordial co-operation -

Fourth - That the Estimate for ordinary Works is

is vexatious and a great engrosser of valuable time as well in the talooks as the Collector's Office, I can well admit but ignorant of the grounds of its imposition I can only speak of the trouble it gives without, as I should think, any Correspondent security to Govt. — the want of science and erroneous principles on which works are often recommended by revenue officers it cannot be denied is often Conspicuous, but surely it cannot be meant to be said that the instances of recommendation of judicious ordinary works far outbalance the others — Mr. Best on this subject speaks with great latitude and can no doubt bear himself out by partial observations in some part or other of the extensive 4th Division — my observation is confined to Madura and Dindigul & from that district alone I venture to draw my remarks — should the Board require it, I could in a very short space of time furnish them with an account of the whole sum expended in each year on the irrigation of every Village which would Confute Mr. Best's supposition of annually re:curring expenditure for the same works — His remark that it is common to observe Estimates for digging out the deposites from Tanks I should have thought had originated in a Misconception of the Estimates (for where the heightening & strengthening of a tank bank is proposed, the mode by which the object is attained, vizt digging out the deposite, is the term here very generally used) but that he expressly says "in Cases where the banks are strong and high enough without," Neither Cultivation nor revenue have decreased, as will be apparent by the settlt. of last year — but I by no means pretend to assert the

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the means of irrigation are precisely the same as 36 years ago:- Neither is it the case that land once cast must necessarily, from the want of Judgement in the officer who originally fixed the assess.t, remain waste forever after its supply of water fails - On the Contrary he seems, with excellent judgemt, to have assessed land of this description at the Nunjeh mel punjeh tax, and but little land of this kind is in reality left uncultivated for any length of time.-

I entirely agree with Mr. Best in opinion that new tanks might in many places be constructed in lieu of those filled up by deposites by carrying a bank through present Cultivation in a lower level, & that by a new & equitable agrarian distribution the Govt. would profit much & no proprietor be in the slightest degree a loser - but heart burnings & want of unanimity in proprietors would make this a nice and difficult task & perhaps in many instances not an equivalent for the sum gained or saved to Govt.:- And at all events where an Engineer can point out such desirable spots for the trial, it is a matter of local Consequence & can be brought to notice, and Carried into Effect, if Govt. please, thro' the usual Channels -

I cannot Coincide with Mr. Best in his anticipated facility of ascertaining the supply of water in a Channel so accurately as to be able to allot a certain portion of water to a given quantity of land from year to year; for channels are supplied from rivers, Nullahs, tanks, mountains & plains; how then is it possible to ascertain what quantity

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shall fall from heaven, to supply these sources - but the assertion seems so preposterous, I feel convinced I do not understand the position he has assumed -

Fifth - Surely much advantage might be derived from a Civil Engineer's longer sojourn at one work or in one district - he sees - disapproves - communicates his sentiments to the Collector, & before his ideas can be passed on to the native executive officer, the work has been completed in error - or, if it has been stopped at the moment by the Engineer, the time for the execution has elapsed before the remedy has been communicated, and the material wasted - inundation caused - or time & labor wasted -

Sixth - Mr. Best lays himself so little stress on the supposed anamoly of granting remission on Nunjah and not on punjah lands, & the connexion with works of irrigation is so remote that I imagine the Board will well dispense with any remark of mine on the head; & I will therefore only say in connexion with this para: that I have hitherto found the rules circulated for granting remission as unexceptionable in all general cases -

Seventh - In instancing the stupidity of the Ryot Mr. Best supposes the bed of a tank to be so filled with deposite that the interior side of the bank is only half the height of that towards the rice fields - in such case where is the impropriety of restoring the tank to its original depth by removal of the deposites? I think too, if I may judge from the number of rejected applications, that a Tahsildar is not solely guided in his recommendations

:tions of such by the promises to increase Cultivation
I think also Mr. Best is too hard upon the ryots in
assuming their presumptuous reliance on providence
and he seems to expect from them that passive obedi:
ence to superior intelligence that it seems to me
Can never be realized -

If the supply of water, that most variable
of all the blessings we enjoy in this country, were fixed
both in quantity and time, Mr. Best's idea of measuring
the Contents of tanks and Channels & regulating the
distribution by the dictum of the native revenue
officer might be attainable, but even to obtain it
where are the means? the very persons to whom the
duty must be entrusted / & to do it pretty simultaneously
a very numerous School must be formed / have yet to be
instructed. -

4. It seems to me sufficient to bear
in mind Mr. Best's suggestions and to act upon
many of his general views in such particular
instances as seem desirable -

Madura
28th June 1837 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 237

To The Civil Engineer
4th Division
Sir, Vemboocottah

1. I have the honor to return your Estimate for
Completion of the great road from Madras to Quilon
thro' this Collectorate, with my most entire concurrence
in the propriety of your remarks, with one exception
(+ about 10) that the last + few miles at the South west extremity,
being Cotton soil, no attempts have been made to render
it practicable in wet weather, nor does it seem desi:
:rable

:zable to recommend any outlay for it, as to do it effectually would require an exceeding large sum as has been ascer:tained from the depth at which a proper material is procurable below the surface:– With this exception then, I consider your Estimate has provided for the perfection of the road, capable of being kept in repair from the means at my disposal, without again demand:ing the assistance of Government for many years except in Cases which men cannot foresee. The improvement of this road since the first commencement of the repairs is perfectly satisfactory & has succeeded beyond my expectation; but I think a stranger's remark would rather be "censure was uncalled for than that credit was deserved"– the whole of your Estimate is greatly desirable; some parts of it are absolutely indispensible.

2. The Outlay called for is great, and I scarce know what arguments to use to induce the Government to accede to it, unless you can satisfy them that the work hitherto done has been well performed; and the money expended with economy;– the measures taken for preser:vation likely to attain their end;– and that tho' much aid is thus sought from Government, improvements on other lines of roads are carrying on without any public expense in equal proportion; witness the great improve:ment thro' the heart of the Dindegul valley (where the Government have sanctioned the Erection of the bridge at Buttalagoontah) in its whole length to Cumbom; From Cumbom thro' the Goontamanaicknoor valley to Andiputty. The opening of the Andyputty pass (already perfect with exception of a few yards of great difficulty) which has provided an outlet for the sale of the Thenkurray grain; and Commencement of the repair of the road from

from Madura to Ramnad and Davepatam on an Estimate of 22000 Rupees, of which work to amount of 1738 Rs. has already been executed without any expense to Government - And to these may be added the partial improvements and repairs of many of the Routes of secondary importance -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura
1st July 1837 }

No. 273.

To The Civil Engineer
4th Division
Vembacottah

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 8th instant & in Answer beg leave to offer the following remarks to enable you to put some other Construction on my Conduct than that I had Called upon Mr. Hogg "to report upon the "proceedings of his immediate superior" - Your direction for the distribution of water in the Arshaputty channel was complained of to me as injurious to one party, and as at variance with my decision. Personal inspection induced me fully to Concur, and having verbally instructed Mr. Hogg of the points which I deemed you had over looked I desired his attention to it when passing - because thro' him you might become acquainted with my opinion - But in the same way that I would not give you the trouble to come again to look at the place, so would I not have troubled Mr. Hogg had he not been about to pass the spot -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura
10th July 1837 }

No. 279.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

Under the orders of Government all the available Convicts in the Madura Jail, averaging about 90, are employed in Constructing a Cause way over the Vighay in the immediate

vicinity

vicinity of the Fort - as many months will elapse before its Com-pletion I do not deem it necessary to number in how many other places convicts might be beneficially employed, were places of security more general. If I am in error in not now entering into all this detail I shall be happy in immediately remedying my report on hearing again from you —

Madura 12th July 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 287.

To The Officiating Secretary to the Board of Revd.
in the Department of Public Works

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 12th instant, I have the honor to state that on the receipt of the Civil Engineers Diary for May, the Talook Maistry was fined for his reported unnecessary absence at Woottumpollam, and Consi-derable part of the works have now been Executed in the Thenkarra Talook —

With regard to the Ackraputty Dam yielding no return whatever in Consequence of a dispute between the inhabitants of Ackraputty & Ahtoor I beg leave to refer the Board to the statement forwarded from this office on the 28th November; the Civil Engineer has since framed an Extraordinary Estimate to the amount of 102½ Rupees for strengthening the Dam and Closing breaches in the Tank which work is now in deligent progress —

Madura 17th July 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 288.

To The Civil Engineer
4th Division
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Tahsr. of Nellacottah reports, in his address of the 11th instant, that as no provision was made for throwing Earth over the Bridge Erecting on the Munjelaur at Buttalagoontah, Assistant Surveyor Martin framed an Estimate of 26¼ Rupees, and as I found it Entered in his Diary for last Month —

I accordingly issued orders to the Tahsildar to Execute the Work —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 17th July 1837 —

No. 303

To The Military Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Abstracts of Stipends and Muster Rolls of the 2 European Military Pensioners placed under my Charge for the Months of July and August together with attested Copies of their pension Certificates, and their last pay Certificates —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura Talavencottah
2d August 1837 —

No. 304

To The Civil Engineer
4th Division
Shencottah

Sir,

Orders have been given for attention to the wishes expressed in your letter of the 31st Ultimo, just recd.

The works which I mentioned in my public when you last proposed entering the district from Coimbatore, and when you last entered the district, are what seem to me to require your attention — and if you have leisure I should be glad you make a general & particular report on the irrigation of the Shivagunga Zemindaree —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura Talavencottah
3d August 1837 —

No. 305.

To The Surveyor General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Half yearly return of the Maps of this District furnished for the use of my Office —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura Talavencottah
3d. August 1837 —

No. 306

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To The Civil Engineer
4th Division
Courtallum

Sir

I have the honor to forward Extract of Register of Deposits in the Government Savings Bank made in your department for the Month of August, and request you will be good Enough to fill up the Column of residence & return it to me with your Signature for transmission to the Accountant General. The Book is herewith returned duly receipted.

Madura Saragunny
5th August 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

No. 309

To Captain C. E. Faber
Civil Engineer 4th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to Enclose a Bill drawn on the Collector of Tinnevelly for the Sum of Companys Rupees (509. 7. 4.) five hundred & Nine Annas seven & pice four being the Amount of pay of your Establishment for July.

Madura Saragunny
8th August 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

Exchange for Companys Rupees 509-7-4

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, or his order, the Sum of Companys rupees Five hundred and Nine, annas seven & pice four, being the Amount of pay of his Establishment for July, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

Madura Saragunny 8th Augt 1837

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr.

No. 310

Lieutenant A. De Butts
Superintending Engineer
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

In obedience to the instructions of the Accountt.

Accountant General, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to write the words "Contents received" above your signature on the accompanying Bill & return it to me.

Madura Saraguny 6th August 1837 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 312

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division Vemboocottah

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 31st Ulto. & my answer of the 3d Instant, I have the honor to forward transcript of one from the Sub Collector that you may, if you think proper, comply with his wishes whilst you remain within this Collectorate; should you determine to do so I request the Superintendent of Marammut may be sent back to me before you enter upon that labor as the future superintendence of it, will not devolve upon him.

Madura Calliarcovil 7th August 1837 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Principal Collr.

No. 332

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division Goodalur

Sir,

1\. Unforeseen and unaccounted for delays in the Talook, have prevented me till now returning the occasional Estimates which accompanied your letter without a date, received by me on the 15th June, for the new tank of Agaram &c., and repair of the Cotl. Bungalow at Dindigul.

2\. The first work seems very desirable & the particulars required for the information of Government have been inserted. The Bungalow is in a state greatly requiring repairs, and is the place where the Sub Collector, who does not draw Standing Extra Tent allowance, transacts his public business. The Erection of the bridges over the Iyempolliam-or, and the Nagalapooram Odai, on the great trunk road

down

down the Pareacolum valley will, in connexion with the recently finished bridge at Buttalgoondoo, and the Repair of the road in the limits of Nellacottay, sanctioned on the 1st Instant, very materially improve that line.

3. I have likewise the honor to inclose a further "occasional" Estimate for works in the Dindigul District, the necessity for which is shewn in the remarks & for which I hope you will be able to procure me Sanction.

Madura
Manamadura 17th Augt 1837 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 347.

To the Civil Engineer
4th Division
Sir,

I have the honor to return the two original Estimates as requested in your letter of the 22 instt.

Madura 26th Augt 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 357.

To Captain C. E. Faber
Civil Engineer 4th Division
Vembacottay

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Collector of Tinnevelly for the Sum of Company's Rupees (276. 13. 4) Two hundred and seventy six annas thirteen & pice four being the amount of pay of your Establishment for August.

I beg to forward Extract of Register of Deposits in the Government Savings Bank, made in your Department, for September, and request you will be good enough to return it to me with your Signature for transmission to the Accountant General. The Book is herewith returned duly receipted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Madura
1st September
1837. } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

Exchange for Companys Rupees — 276 13. 4.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir

At Sight please to pay to Captn. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees two hundred and seventy six annas thirteen & pice four, being the amount of pay of his Establishment for August, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors"

Madura 1st Sept 1837. (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 365

To The Civil Engineer - 4th Division
Vembacottay

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for your information an Extract from the Reaudit of my Accounts for Fusly 1245 & request your early reply thereto.

Madura 5th Septr 1837. (Signed) J Blackburne.
Princl. Collector

No. 378

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division
Vembacottay

Sir

I have the honor to forward an Estimate for rupees 93. 14. 0 for the Erection & repair of two Sayer Choukies in Madura and Ramnad, and request you will be good Enough to obtain the necessary Sanction.

Madura 8th Septr 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 384

To The Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Sub Collector of Dindigul, & will feel obliged by your favoring me with a plan and Estimate of the Cutcherry proposed to be built at Ayempully. As a Well is now under progress on a Sanctioned Estimate of last year I do not think the one there alluded to requisite —

Madura 11th September 1837 (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 398. 97 193

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division

Sir

1. Assistant Surveyor Hogg was good enough at the end of last year, to furnish me with an Estimate for the repair of the great Road from Madura, thro' Ramnad, to the Coast, a distance of 80 Miles, for 22000 Rupees; leaving unestimated every channel that would require a two arch bridge -

2. The single arch bridges of the first 12 mile stage, from Madura to Thiroopavanom, Estimated at Rupees 1652, will be Completed by private subscription in six days - To complete the facilities of this stage, a 2 Arch bridge is required over the Thiroopavanom channel of irrigation, below the Villages of Seeleeman and Mundoor. I have the honor to forward an Estimate for it, prepared by the Superintendent of Murammut, and request you will endeavor to obtain the sanction of Government for its erection. - Two other broad and sandy channels intervene in this stage, but their being bridged is a matter of minor convenience, and the expense would be very great.

No 535. Plan and Section accompanies

3. The Masonry works in the Second 18 mile stage, from Thiroopavanom to Manamadura, are estimated at Rupees 3,552, of which works to amount of 655 are finished or in progress the money being subscribed and materials prepared. - In this stage are two large bridges required over the Marnaur channel and over the Molavanoor (Est: 828 Rs 12. each) If the Government would think good to sanction the payment of this

157-8. I trust I could by degrees finish the remainder of this stage in the Course of 18 months or two years by private subscription The Estimates accompany this.

4. The accompanying Estimate for about 4 miles each side of the Fort of Ramnad in the 4th & 5th, being the two last, stages of this Road, amounts to Rupees 1199 - 7 - 1 which Rupees 487 13 is for small Masonry works; - the

Standing

* about 2 Miles S.E. of Ram nad on high road to Madura

standing the 47 Convicts now employed at Paumbon* are to be with drawn immediately, I would strongly recommend they should be put under my Custody to complete this last mentioned work as the former Zillah Jail at Ramnad affords a safe place for their security and they can easily extend their labors for four miles on each side the Jail: As I am not prepared to expect subscribers to the works in that neighbourhood I would beg sanction for the disbursement of Rupees 487-13 for the masonry works to go on simultaniously, which I think may easily be Completed before the end of the year — In event of the Government approbation I would suggest that such working tools as may be required may be supplied by the Chief Engineer from any stores he may have to dispose of when he breaks up his Establishment at Paumbon

Madura Kottamputty }
26th September 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 403

To
The Civil Engineer 4th Division
Palamcottah

Sir,

In returning your Estimate & Indent for diversion of a portion of the Chinna Moolaur into the Pareacolum Valley I have nothing further to say than that it has my fullest support, founded on the explanation you afforded me on the subject when discussing it with you, with the plan before us, on the 29th Ultimo; — My Conversations with the Tasr. of Thenkurray and the Maramut Superintendent fully bear out your expectations, and enquiries are now in progress as to the number of Coolies that may be procurable at one time, and as to the best month for Commencement of the undertaking: — Similar enquiries

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shall this day be directed for the number of masons procurable and to ascertain if chunam be not procurable at or near the spot, which I trust may prove the case — should the project meet the support of Government Huts will be raised Bazars established and the native dresser deputed to give his aid whilst the work is going on —

Madura Koveramcuruchy 25th September 1837 } (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl Collector

No 415

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Depart of Public Works Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Reaudit of my Accounts for Fusly 1245, for the sum of Rupees 2, paid to a pensioned Sepoy stationed at the public Bungalow at Cottampully, on account of Hutting money in Septr 1835, agreeably to the accompanying Copy of a letter from Inspector General Major Sim, dated 1st November 1827, & request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the same —

Madura 30th Septr 1837 — (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl Collector

No 417

To the Civil Engineer 4th Division

Sir,

There being some mistakes in the Bill which accompanied your letter of the 28th instant, I have the honor to return them for correction —

Madura 30th Septr 1837 — (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl Collector

No 432

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing the Extent of Land proposed to be brought under Cultivation & Converted from Punjah to Nunjah in the Talook of Maunamadura if the means of irrigation can be afforded by cutting a channel from the Vyghy on the south west of the Chittana Dam —

Madura 4th October 1837 — (Signed) J Blackburne Prinl Collector

No 436

To

Captain C. C. Faber

Civil Engineer 4th Division

Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 2 Bills, one on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore, for Rupees 170-5-4; and the other on the Collector of Tinnevelly, for Rupees 237. 2. 8, being the amount of pay of your Establishment for September –

I beg to forward Extract of Register of Deposits in the Government Savings Bank made in your Department for October, and request you will be good enough to return it to me with your signature for transmission to the Accountant General – The Book is herewith returned duly receipted –

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 5th October 1837

No 440

To The Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir

I have the honor to forward an Occasional Estimate and a plan and Section for Constructing three Talook Cutcherries in the Shevagunga Zemindary now under attachment, amounting to rupees 1098-13-5 & request you will procure me the necessary Sanction –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura 5th October 1837 –

No 447

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Departt. of Public Works
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to return the Extract of Extraordinary Works, which accompanied your letter of the 28th Ultimo, as an Error has been discovered in the item of clearing channel in Hugaudymungalum, the amount of Rupees 184. 10 Calculated on 7090. 12 yards is correct – My writer has erroneously entered 790. 12 – instead of 7090. 12 omitting a 0. I therefore request you will be pleased to rectify the Error and obtain me Sanction for the Excess rupees 164. 1 –

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 7th October 1837 –

No 449 99 197

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division
Sir Tinnevelly

I have the honor to forward an Estimate prepared by the Tahsildar of Manaamadum for an under Sluice in the Chittaurah, Amounting to Rupees 77. 15. 8.

Madura 10th October 1837. (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 450

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Depart. of public Works
Sir, Fort St. George

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 2d instant, annexed to your Communication of the 5th, I have the honor to report for the information of the Governor in Council that the average Collection in Shivagunga Zemindary of the last 10 Years from Fusly 1236 to 1246 (Exclusive of 1245) is

Rupees		367079. 10. 3
Sibbendy Charges pr. Annum	32470. " "	
Peshcush	262500. " "	294970 " "
	Surplus	72109. 10. 3.

The Surplus and future Collections must be Credited to arrears of Peshcush due by the Zemindary up to Fusly 1246, or to Septr. last, Amounting to Rupees 1,90,271. 6. 11.

As all the Tanks and Watercourses &ca in the Zemindary are in a very Ruined State, it is imperatively adviseable advances should be made by Government, and I have directed Estimates to be prepared to the Extent of Rupees 50,000, so that the works may Commence next February, and to Superintend works of such importance it will surely be a decided gain to the Estate to appoint a man of ability & integrity, which can only be expected by granting the suitable allowance I had the honor to Recommend. (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 10th October 1837.

No 466

To Captain Faber Civil Engineer 4th Division
Sir, Madura

In Returning your occasional Estimate

Estimate for the Chittanar, which accompanied your letter of yesterday's date, I beg leave to express my entire concurrence in the Estimate, which if productive of its anticipated advantages, cannot fail to be highly deserving of early execution. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 20th October 1837

No. 471

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Depart of public Works.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing the Amount Expended annually in this District, upon roads and Bridges, during the last 20 years, as required by your letter of the 23, received on the 29th instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 31st October 1837

No. 473

To Captain C. E. Faber
Civil Engineer 4th Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to Enclose 2 Bills, one on the Accountant General for Rupees 400 " ", and the other on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore for Rupees 519, 13, 4, being portion of your allowances & Establishment for October, together with a last pay Certificate. -

I beg to forward Extract of Register of Deposits in the Government Savings Bank, made in your Department for November, & request you will be good enough to return it to me with your signature, for transmission to the Accountant General. The Book is herewith returned duly receipted. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 1st November 1837

Madura 1st Novr. 1837

This is to Certify that Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer of the 4th Division, has drawn his pay & allowances in this Treasury up to the 31st of October, and to no later period.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 491

(182) 177

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 30th Ultimo, this day received, I have the honor to inform you that Pylney is a Town having a population of 6331 Souls; and is the best situated, & from many Causes, the most convenient for the Cusbah of the Oyempully talook: it had been always used as such till the unfortunate, tho' well intentioned removal of the Cutcherry to Then Pylney. It is liable to fever, but not to such a degree as to render the selection of another place as Cusbah desirable. It was not on account of its insalubrity, but because of the Complaint of want of Water, and with a view to keeping off wild beasts and fever by inducing the clearing of Jungle in the neighbourhood, that the removal to Then Pylney formerly took place; & was given up in despair after 4 years trial.

good well has since sunk

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Collector

Madura 6th November 1837

No. 494.

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division
Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to forward Statement of Expenditure on Occasional Works performed in 1836, agreeably to the form furnished with your letter of the 12th September, altho' it does not seem Calculated to afford the information I imagine you wish for.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Collector

Madura 9th Nov. 1837

No. 505

To Lieutenant Congreve Asst Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will furnish me with the original Draft granted by the Paymaster of Trichinopoly for Rupees 1473. 2. 7, & the duplicate draft by the same officer for Rs. 20. 1. 10, in your favor, for the months of September & October.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Collector

Madura 18th November 1837

No. 522

To Captain C. E. Faber Civil Engineer 4th Division
Avenashy

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill drawn on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore for the sum of Company's rupees (379-8-..) being the amount of Pay of your Establishment for this Month.

Madura 29th Novr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's rupees 379-8-..

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Captn. C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees three hundred and seventy-nine and annas eight, being on account of pay of his Establishment for last month, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 1st Decr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

No. 537

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. On the 1st October I had the honor to receive your Communication (dated 25th Sept.) of the Minutes of Consultation of the 12th of the same month, on the subject of Sir A. Johnston's claim to a building at Madura, known by the name of Thumakum, and requiring me to report how it is now appropriated, and, if, in the event of its being given up, other buildings for the purpose for which it is occupied are available at this place; and, if not, what would be the probable Expense of erecting other buildings in substitution for it.

2. The Documents accompanying Mr. Collector Peter's letter of the 19th February 1827 contain all the information

relative

relative to the origin of the building that I am possessed of; and it has continued to be used as a Court house either for the Judge or Register ever since the period of it's sale for that purpose: and two Bungalow buildings & a small Jail have been long ago erected close to it; the former for the Courts of the Sud^r. Ameens. - There is no other building available for the purpose, and as I imagine the judicial authorities would wish a new Court house to be built on a large and Commodious scale it is not easy for me to give even a probable Estimate -

3. Accompanying are Copies of two letters from the Register in charge of the Court, which I trust will sufficiently acquit me (as they are answers to others from me reminding him of my original request of the 2^d October for the accounts); and also account for my inability to transmit information on this point -

Madura 7th December 1837 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Prin^l. Collector

No 538

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Tasildar of Nellacottah under date, the 8th instant, respecting the repairs of Achroputty Anecut -

Madura 9th Decr. 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Prin^l. Collector

No 556

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division - Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an occasional Estimate framed by the Tasildar of Maudacolum for Constructing a Calingalah in the Maudacolum Tank and as the

the work appears necessary I request you will have the goodness to obtain the necessary sanction

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Collector

Madura
15th December 1837

No. 566

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Depart. of Public works
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a statement of Emergent Charges incurred for repairing the old Jail at Ramnad for the Accommodation of the Convicts transferred temporarily from Paumbon to repair the road in the vicinity of Ramnad, and request you will obtain the necessary Sanction of Government for Rupees 47. 14. 3. -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
Camoothe 23 Decr 1837

No. 567

To The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Depart. of Public Works
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to forward a detailed Statement of Hoozoor and Talook Sebbendy Employed for the Maramut Establishment during the years 1834. 35 & 36 - as required in your Circular of the 14th instant Reg. 19th

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Collector

Madura Camoothe
23d Decr 1837

No.

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No. 3.

To the Secretary to Government in the public Dept.
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 25th August 1835, (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's rupees three, paid by R. Davidson Esqre., Sub Collector of Madura, on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

Madura 17th Jany. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 4.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

[English] acts No. XVI. to XXX. of 1836
[M]aratta XI & XVI
[an]d do.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant accompanied by two printed Copies of each of the acts noted in the Margin.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 24th Jany. 1837

No. 5.

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no referred petitions have been disposed of by me in last month. None remaining to be disposed of.

Madura Kottamputty 2d. Feby. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 6

To the Secretary to Government in the public Dept.
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the

the Fort St George Gazette dated 25th August 1835/ Page 53/
I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant
General for Company's rupees three, paid by Mr J H Hogg,
Assistant Revenue Surveyor, on account of subscription
to the Fort St George Gazette -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 28th Feby 1837

No. 7

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no referred petitions have been disposed of by me in last Month - None remaining to be disposed of -

Madura 1st March 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No. 8

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

Apposawmy Naicken, brother of Comaurasawmy Naicken, a Candian ~~prisoner~~ pensioner on the receipt of 17 pagodas per mensem, Complained to me that his brother refused to give him any portion of the pension - I referred the case to the Zemindar of Ramnad, for Enquiry, who reports, on the 25th Jany that Comaurasawmy Naicken had subsequently passed an agreement to effect that he would allow his brother, Apposawmy Naicken, and Ammany ammal &c persons 25½ Rupees, and retain the remaining 34 Rups for himself and his illegitimate Brother, Ramasawmy Naik, and his dependents: as both entreat the pensions may be entered in their respective names, I have the honor to request the sanction of Government for my doing so -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura
1st March
1837

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No. 9

To the Secretary to Government in the public Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 25th Augt. 1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General, for Company's Rupees three, paid by D. R. Limond Esqr. Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 23d. March 1837.

No. 10.

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no referred petitions have been disposed of by me in last month. None remaining to be disposed of.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 1st. April 1837.

No. 11.

To the Secretary to Government in the public Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 25th Augt. 1835, (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's Rupees three, paid by Annajee row, Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 7th April 1837.

No. 12.

To the Secretary to Government in the public Dept.
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 25th Augt. 1835, (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's rupees three, paid by Panoorinachoo Ramasawmy Rojah, district Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

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Madura 15th April 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 14.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of two printed Copies of each of the acts noted in the Margin, forwarded with your letter of the 18th instant.

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Eng: Acts No. 1 to III of 1837. Mahratta XXIII XXIV, XXVII, XXIX and XXXI of 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 24th April 1837.

No. 15.

To the Secretary to Government in the public Dept.
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 25th Augt. 1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's rupees (6) six, paid by Chettoor Vencut Row, Sherestadar of the Sub Collector's Cutchery of Madura, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, for 2 quarters.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 29th April 1837.

No. 16.

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

Ramsawmy Naiken, one of the sons of the late Permaul Naiken, a Member of the family of the King of Candy, complained to me, on the 19th

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January last, that during the life time of his father he had been allowed by him 17½ rupees p^r Mensem, out of his pension of 30 pagodas, and that since his death, his brother Comaurasawmy Naiken, in whose name was renewed the reduced pension of 20 pagodas, allowed him 8¾ rup^s up to 1833. that in consequence of Government having sanctioned the separate payment of 10½ Rup^s to the late Mutusawmy Naik, his allowance was reduced to 5 Rupees, which being insufficient for his maintenance, he entreated the former allowance of 8¾ R^s might be again given him - On reference of the Case to the Zemindar of Ramnad for Examination he reported, on the 18th February last, the verification of the facts as detailed above, and strongly supported petitioner's claim to 8¾ R^s as a participator among other Members of Comaurasawmy Naiken's family in the remaining 59½ Rup^s and as petitioner entreats that the allowance may be granted and entered in his own name, I have the honor to request the sanction of Government for my compliance, the whole sum drawn by each separate share holder lapsing with his (incumbent's) life -

Para 5 of P.C. letter to Chief Secrety 4th Octr 1835. Ext. Min: Con: [illegible] Decr 1835.

The portions are recommended as follows.

1.st Comaurasawmy Naiken		25 - 8.	
2.^d Petitioner Ramasawmy Naiken		8 - 8.	Claimed and recommended -
		34 - "	
3.^d Comaurasawmy Naiken's brother Appoosawmy		25 - 8.	Enjoyed at present undisputed
		59 - 8.	
Renewed pension to Mutusawmy Naik's Son	7 - "		Gov.^t letter 19th March 1833.
Lapsed portion of ditto	3 - 8	10 - 8	
Total		70 - "	

Madura
29th April 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P^l Coll^r

N° 17.

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no Referred Petitions

have been disposed of by me in last Month - None remaining to be disposed of -   (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector
Madura 1st May 1837. -

No. 20

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Fort St George -

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the two Copies of tamil Almanacs forwarded with your letter of the 30th Ulto one of which has been forwarded to the Sub Collector -

Madura 5th June 1837.   (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No. 21

To the Secretary to Government in the public dept.
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St George Gazette, dated 25th August 1835, (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's rupees three, paid by Mr J. A. Hogg, Assistant revenue surveyor of the 4th Division, on account of subscription to the Fort St George Gazette.

Madura 8th June 1837.   Signed J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No. 22.

To the Secretary to Government in the public Dept.
Fort St George

Sir

With reference to the notification in the Fort St George Gazette, dated 25th August 1835, (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's Rupees (6) Six, being subscription paid by the undermentioned persons.

David Ross Limond Esqre Register of the Zillah Court of Madura -

Punnoomachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Ramnagoody -

Madura
15th June 1837   Signed J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No. 23. 105 209

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,
I have the honor to forward a Register of application for superannuation pension for Mr. W. Burby, a Writer in this office, together with a Certificate of the Medical officer, and beg leave to recommend that the pension may be granted from the 12th proximo.

Madura 26th June 1837.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

List of services and pay of William Burby English Writer in the Principal Collector's office of Madura.

	Years	Mts.
In the Collector's office at Ramnad from July 1806 to June 1808 @ 10 Pags. pr. mensem	2	"
Current Writer in the Collector's office of Madura from Decr. 1808 to June 1816 @ 6 & 9 Pags. per mensem	8	7
Writer in the Sayer department from July 1816 to October 1828 @ 50 rupees pr. mensem	12	4
In the same deptt. from November 1828 to the present date @ 35 rupees pr. mensem	8	8
Total of service	31	7

Madura 26th June 1837.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 24.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial department
Fort St. George

Reg: acts No. IV to IX of 1837. Tamil XXV and from XXVII to XXXI of 1836 Mahratta XXVIII and XXX of Do.

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two printed Copies of each of the Acts noted in the Margin forwarded with your letter of the 9th instant. One Copy of which has been furnished to the Sub Collr.

Madura 26th June 1837.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 25.

To the Secretary to Government Political departt.
Fort St George

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th, received on the 15th instant, I beg leave to inform you that Ramasawmy Naicken in whose behalf I had the honor to recommend a separated pension of rupees 8½ pr.

mension, in my letter of the 29th April, is a son of the late Permaul Naick, born in concubinage; whilst the Ramasawmy Naick (brother-in-law of the late Mootoo-sawmy Naick, not of Permaul Naick as supposed in Mr Anstruther's letter of the 23d ulto.) of Mr Peter's list of the 16th April 1823, partakes, as a dependent, of the reduced pension of 7 rupees in the name of Sowmya Narrain Naick, son of the deceased Mootoosawmy Naick.

Madura 26th June 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 27

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no referred petitions have been disposed of by me in last Month. None remaining to be disposed of.

Madura 1st July 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 28

To the Secretary to Government
Public department
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 8th instant No. 68 I have the honor to inform you that as the assistant surgeon will be unable from his recent appointment to grant the Certificate agreeably to the notification published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 4th June 1836 Page 343 I take the liberty of forwarding one from myself which I trust will be found sufficient.

Madura 12th July 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

This is to Certify that from all the information I can obtain, and from my own 3 years personal know-
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-ledge of Mr. William Burby, his health and sight have not been impaired by intemperance or other irregular habits.

Madura 12th July 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr. 211 106

No. 29.

To the Secretary to Government in the public department Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 25th August 1835 (Page 537), I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant general for Company's rupees three paid by Annajee Row Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura 15th July 1835.

No. 30.

To the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George.

Sir,

Eng. Acts No. X to XIV of 1837. Tamil IV VII & VIII of do. Teloogoo XXVII to XXXI of 1836 & IV of 1837.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of duplicate Copies of the Acts noted in the Margin with their translates in tamil and teloogoo, one Copy of which with the Tamil translate have been forwarded to the Sub Collector. The teloogoo translates I have retained in case you may wish for their return as all previous teloogoo translates of regulations and acts were returned a short time ago to the Board of Revenue as being useless in this district.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura Shevagunga 24th July 1837.

No. 31.

To the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir

Para 1. In returning petition No. 928 of 1837 I beg leave to inform you petitioner suppressed, and I presume wilfully, a second Indorsement which would have shewn you the grounds that induced me to decline his request.

Translate inclosed

2. It appears that in 1820 the Ameen of

Translate inclosed.

Pullimadum being a favourer of the Shanar caste, an=
=thorized assumptions on their part to which they were
not entitled - the consequences were the diary of the
26th Jan/y and order of the 26th October 1820, copies of
which petitioner requires -

Five or Six Months ago (I speak from memory as
the point does not seem of sufficient importance to
delay my report till my return from a lengthened
circuit) the heads of the petitioners and of opponents
parties were sent to the Criminal Court for an affray,
originating in their religious differences, when the
Acting Criminal Judge contented himself with holding
both parties to security to keep the peace in future.
The are inhabitants of a troublesome part of a troublesome
talook, belonging to the Zemindar of Ramnad - and
much removed from any visits of the Magistrate, as
matters of police alone should call him into their
neighbourhood -

The petitioner himself has no personal claim to
Copies of the documents in question, and they can be
of no real use to him - but he may turn them to his
ends by abuse -

The dates of his petitions to the Board of Revenue
and to Government argue the duplicity and disingenuous=
=ness of his petition, in a presumed fear it might not
be listened to if the whole truth were told

3 - I declined giving the papers as a matter
of precaution, and because petitioner had no right to
claim them, nor could obtain any just benefit from
them: - Should the Government wish his prayer to
be granted, I have not the least fear of any breach
of the peace -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Dl Coll.

Madura
Calliarcovil
8th Aug.t 1837 -

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Translate of Diary under date 26th Jany. 1820

Gopaul Kristna Iyen of Palaiyampetty — Prosecutor

Versus. 107

Kylausum and 9 other Sanars —

With reference to the examinations completed in this case on the 24th and to the order then sent to the Pullimadum Ameen his (the Pullimadum Ameen's) address being now read, it is determined that in consideration of the defendants having gone in procession seated on a Palkee, accompanied by four torch bearers at a marriage, under the permission of the above Ameen, their offence shall be, this time, overlooked: but that they are to be informed that should they do so again, and a crowd assemble, and affray ensue, they would be liable to heavy punishment —

(Signed) R. Peter
Magte —

Translate of order to the Pullimadum Ameen under date 20th October 1820.

On the 10th September you were directed to levy a fine of 2 rupees from Koomaura Nadan and other Sanars of Palaiyampetty, for having gone in procession, seated on a Palkee, accompanied by torch bearers, contrary to custom and without permission; but they have since declared they have the right to go in such processions, and that you yourself gave permission for the torches — you will therefore abstain from collecting the fine, and you will enquire into the truth of their assertion of right and if you did give the permission as pretended —

(Signed) R. Peter
Magte —

Translate of Indorsement dated 28th March 1837.

You require copies of documents respecting the rights of right and left hand Castes to sit on Palkees and go with torches in procession; a short time since you and those of your party, contrary to custom, celebrated the marriage of one of your party, sitting on a Palkee, with processions &c, in consequence of which an affray ensued. I will not therefore give you copies of any documents on the subject you require -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

No. 32

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Teloogoo XXVII to XXXI of 1836 and IV of 1837

With reference to the Minutes of Consultation under date the 11th instant, I have the honor to return the Teloogoo papers enumerated in the annexed list -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura Kettoor
15th Augt. 1837.

No. 33

Public Department

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant just received, I have the honor to report for the information of the Governor in Council that Mr. W. Burby ceased to do duty in my Office on the 11th Ultimo -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Madura Manamadura
21st August 1837.

No. 34

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received no answer to my communication to your address (so it would appear from my records) of the 1st March, on the subject of the division of pension of a Candian pensioner, I have the honor

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to request you will inform me if the cause is my erroneous application thro' you, instead of thro' the Secretary in the political department, or if an answer is still awaited from Columbo –

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Madura 8th Septr 1837 – (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 37

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Countersigned 2 Bills, one for rupees 59-3-5, and the other for 23-7-3, travelling Charges incurred on account of Lieutt Colonel Monteith, Chief Engineer, and request you will be pleased to obtain me the sanction of Government to justify my payment of them –

Madura 30th October 1837 – (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 38

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

In acknowledging receipt of 2 Copies of the English Acts No. XV to XXV of 1837, and of the Mahratta Acts XXV of 1836, and IV, VII to IX of 1837, one of each of which have been forwarded to the Sub Collector, I beg leave to return you the Teloogoo Nos XXV of 1836; and VII, VIII, IX & XIV of 1837, as not required in this district –

Madura 16th Novr 1837 – (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 39

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no referred petitions have been disposed of by me in last month. None remaining to be disposed of –

Madura
1st Decr 1837 – (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 40.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report the death by Cholera, this morning, of Thomas Rowe, European pensioner, sent hither to teach the Natives the use of the fly shuttle — The deceased has left no ready money but only a few household articles and wearing apparel, to the value of 10 or 12 rupees, and has left a Will duly executed, under date 20th January 1825, in favor of a Native woman with whom he has cohabited for the last 20 years —

I take this opportunity of stating that the other pensioner, George Aske, is of such intemperate habits that he is continually committing himself in affrays with the weavers; and as to keep him any longer would be a fruitless attempt to realize the object he was sent for, I have the honor to recommend his removal; and that two others of sober and steady habits, and well qualified in the Art, may be sent in his stead —

Madura 7th Decr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr

No. 41.

To the Secretary to Government Military Departt
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose a bill for Charges incurred in burying Thomas Rowe, an European pensioner (Certificate transmitted to the Superintendent of Pensions) recently sent here to instruct Native weavers in the use of the fly shuttle, who died yesterday morning of Cholera, leaving no property behind him; and request you will obtain me the sanction of Government for its discharge, if indeed it is of an admissible nature —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 8th Decr 1837. P.C. & M.

No. 42

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To the Secretary to Government in the public Dept.
Fort St. George - 109

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 25th August 1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's rupees (6) six, being subscription paid by Mr. D. R. Limond, Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, for the 3d and 4th quarters of the current year.

Madura Partibanulloor }
18th December 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

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No 12

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To, The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to the Register of Vouchers contained in the Sealed Packet of my accounts for November I have the honor to forward Duplicate Account Current and its Enclosures in No 23 for the Amount advanced to the Military Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly.

Madura
9th January 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 32.

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir.

With reference to the Register of Vouchers contained in the sealed packet of my Accounts for December I have the honor to forward Duplicate Account Current and its Enclosures in No 38 for the amount advanced to the Military Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly —

Madura
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21st January 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 30

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward the revised Journal of this Collectorate for October last, prepared agreeably to the Form forwarded by the Accountant General's request you will be good enough to return me the former one —

Madura
25 January 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 46

To, The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to forward the revised Journal of this Collectorate for November last, prepared agreeably to the Forms forwarded by the Accountant General and request you will be good enough to return me the former one.

J (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura Kothamputty }
2d. February 1837 }

No. 70

To, The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to apprize you of the arrival of my Acting Head Assistant Mr. Harris in this district, on the 13. Instant

J (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura }
21st. February 1837 }

No. 113

To, The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to apprize you of the arrival of the Sub Collector, Mr. W. E. Lockhart, at Dindigul yesterday.

J (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 2d. March 1837

No. 100

To, The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir, Mr. Harris, agreeably to his appointment to act as head assistant in this collectorate, reported his arrival within the district on the 13 Ult

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from Dindigul; detained there by fever, he reached Madura on the 16; whilst I was on duty in the district, on Sunday, the 19, I returned; indisposition prevented Mr Harris coming to cuchery the following day, but on the 21st he took charge of his office, and has ever since been in constant attendance.

I have the honor to request you will inform me if I may be permitted to pay his deputation allowance from the date of his entering the district

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 4 March 1837 –

No 105

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to your letter under date the 14th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward for your information copy of one from the Acting Judge of this Station, and to state that the amount therein alluded to, will be duly adjusted in my accounts for the present Month. –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 14 March 1837 –

No 106

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir,

Mr Davidson made over charge of the Sub-Collectorate of this district to Mr Lockhart on the 1st instant, and claims deputation allowance for that day. I have the honor to request your instructions if he is entitled to receive it. –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 15 March 1837 –

No. 112

To, The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

Mr. Lockhart having forwarded me his bills for his pay and allowance as Sub Collector of this district, for the Month of February last, and as the rules of 4th April 1835 do not seem to me to be precisely applicable to a re-appointment, I request you will have the goodness to inform me precisely what he is to receive for that month, as I have obtained from him no certificate of last payment, and as no transfer or adjustment has been directed in my accounts for January.

He took charge of the Sub Collectorate on the 1st Instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 11th March 1837.

No. 123.

To, The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you your instructions for the deduction of 1 per cent from Mr. Roper's pay and allowances (deputation allowance which is drawn at Trichinopoly excepted) shall be deducted from his pay for the current month or arrears from January 1836.

It has hitherto been omitted from an oversight and in part a misconception.

Madura
23d March 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 149.

To, The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the revised

revised Journal of this Collectorate for January last, prepared agreeably to the instructions of the Accountant General, and request you will be good enough to return me the former one.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
Calliarcovil
13 April 1837

No. 154

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

The Duplicate receipt from Lieut. Col. Monteith, Chief Engineer, for the sum advanced to him for prosecuting the works at Paumben, having been transmitted to your Office, instead of, to the Accountant General, with my accounts for February, in the sealed packet of Vouchers, No. 67, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to return it to me.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
17 April 1837

No. 160.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Register of Vouchers contained in the sealed packet of my accounts for last Month, I have the honor to forward duplicate account Current and receipts of the Military Paymr. Southern Division, No. 25, for advances made to him on the letter of Credit.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
21st April 1837

No. 217.

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reference to recent rules for

consolidated allowances, and to Section XX Regulation I of 1812; I request you will be so good as to inform me if European revenue officers are entitled any longer to draw the usual portion of proceeds of confiscated goods.—

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
31st May 1837.

No. 240

To the Acting Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of a letter from the Principal Collector of Malabar in reference to yours of the 16th March.—

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 26th June 1837.

No. 250

To the Civil Auditor - Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 12th instant I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of one from Mr. Lockhart.—

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Madura 28th June 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 284

To the Civil Auditor - Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to forward a duplicate receipt of the Paymaster, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, No. 54, dated 13th June, for the amount of Rupees 1329-10-1, entered in the Account Current for that Month.—

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
17th July 1837.

No. 330

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To the Acting Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 8th instant I have the honor to inform you that the statements therein alluded to were forwarded to the Board of Revenue on the 24th Jany. last, for renewal of the sanction of Government - (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura Manamadura }
17th August 1837 - }

No. 342

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Register of Vouchers contained in the Sealed packet of my accounts from 1st to 11th July 1837 I have the honor to forward a receipt No. 52 for pension paid to Mr. W. Clarke for the month of June last -

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Madura Tirpavanom }
25th August 1837 - }

No. 350.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 19th instant I have the honor to forward 3 lists of Abstracts &c of the Civil Engineers department Vizt.

1 List of original abstracts forwarded to the Civil Auditor with the monthly accounts from 12th July 1836 to 30th June 1837.

2. do. of transcripts of abstracts forwarded to the Accountant General with do. from do. to do.

3. do. of Receipts granted respectively by the Assistant Revenue Surveyors for Pay and allowances drawn

by them from different Collectors -
Madura 31st Augt 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr.

No. 362

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

1 - On the 2d Ultimo I had the honor to receive copy of your Circular of the 24th July, urgently calling for the immediate despatch of statements required, as notified in the Gazettes pages 395. 424 & 435. - As no exertion of mine can enable me to comply with your requisition I beg leave to state the difficulties, and to request some modification of the requisition, or instructions to enable me to fulfill them -

2 - A somewhat similar statement was forwarded from this collectorate to Madras on the 31st October 1822, to prepare which the Moozumdar and Gomastas of the talooks had been detained in the Collector's Cutcherry for six months, and altho the suspension of the subscriptions to the native fund was then recent, the Account is full of inaccuracies -

3 - From the establishment of the fund to its abolition the whole amount of the establishments, with deductions on account of the fund, was charged in the Accounts sent monthly to Madras without any reference to deaths, dismissions or temporary vacancies; for example if a Gomastah had been dismissed and no one appointed to his situation for 6 or 8 months, the salary used to continue to be drawn in his name; - and in his name would have been credited the deduction for the fund - and the money, left in deposit, disappeared with the other disgraceful embezzlements of that period -

4. The deductions on account of a peon on the establishment of one talook, tho' doing duty in another, or at the Collector's office, would be charged in the accounts of the first talook - and his name and talook would often continue shewn in the accounts tho' he, and one or two successors, had been dismissed, each having drawn his pay at the Collector's office, and it being charged in the name of the incumbent first alluded to:- Supposing the account unravelled, I anticipate the greatest difficulty in identifying the fair claimant to recover the deduction made on account of one of those small and breifly held situations, if he can appear in person, for his name and situation alone is shewn in the accounts; and if deceased how infinitely will the labor be increas[ed] to identify the heir - I fear the difficulties to the preparation of the statement as regards peons in=superable -

5. With great exertion, but certainly not without risk of error and great delay in the pre=paration of the current accounts, the statement may be prepared for the servants of higher grades, whose appointments are in their nature more per=manent and less liable to change from place to place:- But I should be sorry to be responsible for its accuracy, and I think it would be more ad=visable to form a small temporary establishment for preparation of these statements than to allow th[e] current business again to fall into arrears & confusio[n]

The investigation of Kistna Rão's claim, as show[n] in the accompanying Memorandum, has required three days unceasing labor of one of my Gomasta[s] which will serve as a criterion whereby to judg[e] of the time and labor required to prepare the

statements called for, and to prove my assertion of the exceeding inaccuracy of the statements furnished in 1822 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P.l Coll.r

Madura 2.d Sept.r 1837 -

Memorandum

Claim of Kistna Rao, Gomasta in the Collector's Cutcherry to recovery of deductions on account of Native fund -

	S. P.s	Ch.s a. p.
Gomasta at 7 R.s a Month for three Months from June to August 1808	21	73 - 8 - "
D.o at 5 Pagodas for 39 Months from 12.th Sept.r 1808 to 30.th November 1811	195	682 - 8 - "
Maudacolum Moozamdar at 10 Pag.s a Month for 8 Months from December 1811 to July 1812	80	280 " "
Thiroomungalom Moozamdar at 10 Pag.s a Month for 52 Months from Aug.t 1812 to 30.th Nov.r 1816	520	1820 - " "
Cunniwady Ameen at 12 Pag.s a Month 17 Months from December 1816 to April 1818	204	714 - " "
Total of 9 years & 11 Months	1020	3570 " "
Deduction on account of Native fund		79 - 5 - 6
Amount as per statement forwarded to Madras on 31.st October 1822		98 - 12 - 7
Difference to detriment of Government		19 - 7 - 1

Remarks

Whilst Gomasta on 5 Pag.s pay he was employed as Moozemdar of Thooroomboor the pay of both being charged in his name and the deductions credited to his name, but the Moozemdar's pay was not given to him, but carried to deposits in the Collector's treasury, hence a difference of R.s 16 5 4 against Gov.t by the account of 1822 -

In the same way there is credited to him as deduction his Gomasta's portion, whilst doing duty as Moozemdar of Maudacolum, tho' he only received the pay of the latter office - Thus by the statement of 1822 would be a further loss of R.s 3 - 1 - 9 to Gov.t total - 19 - 7 - 1

Madura 2.d Sept.r 1837 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P.l Coll.r

No. 370.   115 229

To the Acting Civil Auditor
Fort St. George -

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the sum of Rs. 95-2-11 alluded to in the Memo: annexed to your letter of the 10th ultimo, was recovered from Mr. Lockharts salary for last month, and has been credited in my Accounts this day -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 6th Septr. 1837 -

No. 375.

To the Civil Auditor - Fort St. George

Sir,
As promised, in my reply to the audit of my Accounts for July 1245, I have the honor to forward original Statements of pensions paid to the families of deceased subscribers and superannuated servants in the Zillah Court of Madura -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 7th Septr. 1837 -

No. 380

To the Acting Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to acquaint you that my acting assistant Mr. Harris availed himself of the leave, granted to him on the 21st July, on the 25th of the same month, and rejoined his station # on the 5th instant, and I have this day applied to the Board of Revenue for a retrospective additional leave of 10 days for him -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 9th Septr. 1837 -

No. 427

Miscel-
...us letter
...t letter No. 399
...vil Auditor
...21st Septr.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George -

Sir,
In consequence of alterations having been made in the Journals from 1st to 11th and from 12th to 31st July, agreeably to instructions from the Accountant

General, bearing date 15th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward revised Journals in lieu of those transmitted to your office-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 2d Octr 1837

No 443.

To the Acting Civil Auditor Fort St George

Sir,

1- Your letter of the 29th Ultimo did not reach me till the day before yesterday when the revenue Establishment had received their pay for September:- consequently I could not carry into effect your retrenchment against Mr Harris, but order has been given to the Cash Keeper to recover it from his pay for the Current Month-

2- The retrenchment against Mr Lemond has been carried into Effect-

3- The retrenchment against myself directed in your letter of the 28th June has been ordered to be carried into Effect from my Pay for the Current Month-

On receipt of the letter in question it was referred for Comparison, and mislaid and forgotten by one of the Maratta Gomastus:- Desirous of paying from my salary for August I called for the particulars and was persuaded I must have made some mistake- I however kept 1000 rupees in deposit with the Cash Keeper all last month in expectation of it's being found- Yesterday only it was discovered after I had paid away all my allowances.

Madura 5th Octr 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No 472.

To the Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a list of Political pensions for the official year 1836/37 as required by your letter of the 16th received on the 22d Instant

Madura 31st October 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prind Collr

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No. 478.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an attested Copy of a duplicate receipt of the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly No. 183 dated 11th September for rupees 1196-12-.. as entered in the Account Current of the above Officer, and forwarded to your Office in the sealed packet of vouchers, with the monthly accounts for September.

Madura 2d Novr. 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colltr.

No. 484.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

Charges for treasure remittance	333-14-8
40 Padlocks	18-12-..
	352-10-8

I have the honor to forward a statement of Charges incurred for rupees 352-10-8 in remitting 300,000 Company's rupees to the General treasury at the Presidency on the 26th April, and for purchasing 40 Padlocks, as noted in the Margin, and request the necessary sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.

The Certificate taken from the officer escorting treasure, and a receipt for lamp oil, are likewise enclosed.

Madura 4th Novr. 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colltr.

No. 512.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an attested Copy of a duplicate receipt of the Paymaster, Southn. Divn. Trichinopoly, No. 204, dated 21st Septr. for Rs. 20-1-10, as entered in the Account Current of the above officer, and forwarded to your Office, in the sealed packet of vouchers with the monthly Accounts for October.

Madura 28th Novr. 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Colltr.

No. 516.

To the Acting Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the orders of Government

of 1st March, in the Fort St George Gazette of the 2d of the same month, A.D. 1833 (No 124- Page 143), and to the accompanying copy of a letter of the 17th February 1834, I have the honor to submit Mr T. J. P. Harris' claim to the increased allowance of 50 Star Pagodas per mensem from the 5th instant, as having been six years in the Country, and 3 years in the revenue line; and request your authority for paying it to him accordingly.

Madura 29th Novr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Coll.

No 547

To the Acting Civil Auditor - Fort St George

Sir,

If the letter I had the honor to address you on the 29th Ultimo corresponds with the draft I can hardly think there is room for you to say in your reply of the 5th, received yesterday, that I have misstated Mr Harris' services.-

The draft is forwarded to you for comparison and if it agrees with the letter sent to you I request you will be so good as to point out to me wherein I have left fair room for misconstruction.

Madura 11th Decr 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Coll.

No 554

To The Acting Civil Auditor Fort St George

Sir,

I have this day directed the retrenchment against Mr T. J. P. Harris called for in your letter of the 9th instant (just received) to be made from his pay for the Current Month

I take the opportunity to inform you I am no further concerned in the unauthorized disbursement than as giving credit for the amount to the Collector of Trichinopoly by whom it was paid without any Communication with me

Madura 15th Decr 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

No 559 117 233

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

The Accountant General having directed some alterations in the Journal for October I have the honor to request you will return the Copy together with the Duplicate Account Current of the Military Paymaster Southern Division sent to your Office for Corresponding alterations

(Signed) J Blackburne
Provl Collector

Madura 16th December 1837

No 563

To The Acting Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir,

In Consequence of alterations directed in the Journal from 1st to 11th July, I have the honor to forward a revised one, which I request you will substitute for the one already furnished you, and as alterations should also be made in the Abstract furnished you with the Annual accounts, I request it may be returned with the above Journal

I take this opportunity to forward a revised Duplicate Account Current with the Military Paymaster in lieu of the one recalled in my letter of the 16th instant

(Signed) J Blackburne
Provl Collector

Madura Camoothe 23d
December 1837

No. 3.

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To, The Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,
I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Lieutenant I Inverarity, Assistant Civil Engineer, 4 Division in Charge at Sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Forty Two, and Annas Eight, being the amount of pay of the Establishment for December 1836, which sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors". -

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
2d. January 1837

No. 39 Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . 1000 - . .

To, The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
Having received from John Blackburne Esqr., Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rs. One thousand, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to Messrs. Binny & Co. but not to their Order, as per advice from -

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
2d. January 1837

Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . 142 . 8 -

To The Principal Collector
of Coimbatore
~~Madura~~

Sir,
At Sight please to pay to Lieutenant I. Inverarity, Assistant Civil Engineer 4 Division in charge

or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred & forty two and Annas Eight, being the amount of pay of the Establishment for December 1836, which sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors". —

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
2d January 1837

No. 6.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week. —

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
4th January 1837

No. 0.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to annex a Register of Acknowledgement granted by me, this day, to Maumbalom Veerasawmy Naik, for Subscription of the sum of Company's Rupees 21300 to the 4 per Cent Loan now Open.

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
5th January 1837

Daily Register of Acknowledgements granted by the Princl. Collector of Madura to the 4 per Cent Loan opened under the Advertisement published in the Governt. Gazette of the 7 June 1831

No. of the Certificate	Date	In whose favor	Amount paid into the Princl. Collector's Treasury	Amount for which the Promissory Note is to be issued
			R. A. P.	R. A. P.
1837 8	Jany.	Maumbalom Veerasawmy Naik	21300 - " - "	20000 "

Madura 5 January 1837
(Sigd.) I. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

119 237

Madras 5 January 1837

No. 8

I hereby Acknowledge that Maumbalum Veerasawmy Naik has this day paid into the Honorable Company's Treasury the sum of Calcutta Sicca Rupees Twenty Thousand, for which Maumbalum Veerasawmy Naik is entitled to receive a Promissory Note in the Form, and Subject to the Conditions, prescribed in the Government Notice issued in the Financial Department on the 7 June 1831, bearing Interest at 4 p.t Cent per Annum, payable half yearly from 1st May next, and also to receive anticipated Interest, at the same rate, from the date of this Acknowledgement to the 30 April 1837: the Interest from this day to the said date has been paid by Anticipation

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Sicca Rup.s 20,000 " "

Received a Promissory note of the Supreme Govt. in lieu of this in my name, for the same amount, and the Interest to be made payable at Madras —

No. 9

To The Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 4 Bills of Mr. R. Davidson, Head Assistant Collector of your District, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury on account of his Salary, House Rent and tent allowance, for December 1836, which is debited in the accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw and credit on his account to the Civil Fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the Head of "Remittances & transfers between Collectors." —

Salary for December 1836	525 " "
Deduct Civil fund 6¼ per Cent	32.13 "
	492.3 "
House rent for do.	35 " "
Tent allowance for do.	42 " "
Rupees	569.3 "

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madras
Accountant's Office
6 January 1837

To

No 10

To The Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir, I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of Mr. C. P. Thompson, Assistant Judge of your District for the amount paid to him from this Treasury on account of his Salary for December 1836, which is debited in the accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw and credit on his account to the Civil fund and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors" —

Salary for Decr. 1836	1400 - -
Deduct Civil fund at 6 per Cent	84 - -
Rupees	1316 - -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
Ammednaikanoor
6 January 1837

No 13

To The Accountant in the Revenue Departt. of the Acctt. Genl's Office
Fort St. George

Sir, With reference to the Entry made in my Journal for November, I have the honor to forward Original Account Current and its enclosures together with the letter of Credit for the amount advanced to the Military Paymaster Sn. Division Trichinopoly —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
9th January 1837

No 18

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir, The Acting Sub Collector unaware of the necessity to inform you of the portion of his Salary for which he wished drafts upon you, omitted to furnish me with

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with the necessary return, when I had the honor to address you on my own behalf:-

If you have no objections I hope you will now comply with his request to be allowed to receive monthly drafts to the amount of Rupees 1000.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
10th January 1837

No. 20

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that Mambalum Veerasawmy Naik subscribed 20,000 Sicca Rupees to the Government Loan during last week.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
10th January 1837

No. 21

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Under a sanctioned estimate of 8316 Rs. I have commenced the reconstruction of a road from Madura to Tondi - present distance 80 Miles-

With reference to your letter of the 26th March last I beg to know your wishes as to its being entered under the head "repairs of roads" or "public roads".- As the distance will be diminished to 66 Miles it will be apparent to you it will deviate much from the old line: it will, however, be a repair of greater extent of the old line, than deviation from it.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
10th January 1837

To

No. 40 Exchange for Company's Rupees - 3 - -

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from R. Davidson Esqre. Acting Sub Collector of Madura the sum of Compy's. Rupees Three, being the amount of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at Sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his Order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
11. January 1837

No. 26

To The Military Paymaster

Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir

The Accountant General having returned the Account of Advances made you in October last to be prepared anew without Erasure, I have the honor to request you will be good Enough to sign the Accompanying, and destroy the objectionable one sent you for that purpose.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
11. January 1837

No. 27

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

As requested in your Circular No. 159 dated
31st

21st Ultimo, I have the honor to forward Copy of the return of Sea Drawback for 5 years, alluded to in the Note of the Committee Annexed, and to state that I am not aware of any discrepancy between it and the Abstract furnished to your Office—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
10th Jany 1837

No. 33

To, The Accountant in the Revenue Departt
of the Acctt Genl's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to forward a Corrected Account Current of the advances made to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly for October last with his signature affixed thereto, as desired in your letter of the 11 Instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
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21st January 1837

No. 31

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,
With reference to the Entry made in my Journal for December, I have the honor to forward Original Account Current & its enclosures, together with the letter of Credit for the amount advanced to the Military Paymaster, Southern Division Trichinopoly.

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collector

Madura
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21st January 1837

No. 34

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the

the last Week-　　(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.
Madura
24th. January 1837

Received from the Acting Paymaster Southn. Divn. Trichinopoly a Draft in Duplicate for (C.Rs. 33-10-) Thirty three and Annas Ten, Dated 17th. January 1837, being pay in Arrears for December 1836, for Native Pensioners attached to Public Bangalows.-
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.
Madura
24th. January 1837.

No. 35.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th. Ultimo, & to forward the revised Journal of this Collectorate for October last, prepared agreeably to the Form Marked A. With regard to Rupees 134-8-6, alluded to in the 3d. Para of your letter, I beg to state that Rs. 34-8-6, is the pay of the Establishment of Lieutenant Shaw, for July 1836, Charged in the Journal for August, & included with Rs. 599-7-2,- & Rs. 28, on the same account, for August, included with Rs. 618-14-8- Rs. 72, being tentage of the above officer for the broken period of 24 days from March to June 1836; both these Sums were charged in September, according to the abstracts of that Department & retained in Deposit in the respective Months (the abstract for the 3d. Item of Rs. 72 was transmitted on the 20th. October last) On the request of Lieut. Shaw, under date 20th. October, a Bill for the first mentioned Sum of Rs. 134-8-6, was drawn on the Principal Collr. of Coimbatore, on the 24th. of the same Month.-
Madura 24th. January 1837-　　(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 37 122 243

To The Accountant General
Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular of the 17th Instant, & to state that it is the practice in this District to dispatch with every packet a Detailed list shewing the address of its Contents of each letter, & the receiving Post Office returns an acknowledgement on the back of it; some of the officers sign their names, and some only the date of receipts of the list. - I beg leave to inclose one for your inspection which I will thank you to return. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura }
24th January 1837

Exchange for Company's Rupees ... 500 " .. "

To The Principal Collector of
Tanjore

Sir,

At sight please to pay to the Principal Collector of Tanjore, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Five hundred, for Making Brass Marcals, which sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors". -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura }
25th January 1837. -

No. 44

To The Accountant General
Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government loan has been received during the last Week. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura 31st. January 1837. -

No. 47

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George
Sir,

I have

I have the honor to forward the revised Journal of this Collectorate for November last, prepared agreeably to the Form transmitted with your letter of the 24th. Ultimo.

Madura Kottamputty }
2d. February 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r.

No. 41. Exchange for Company's Rupees 1000.

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esquire Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees One Thousand, to be paid at Madras, I request you, will at Ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to Messrs. Binny and Co., but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura 6th. February 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r.

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a Detachment of the 33d. Regiment N. I. Consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naick & 12 Privates, Marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st. January 1837, incharge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th., and were at liberty to return the next day.

Madura 6th. February 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r.

No. 50.

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a revised Register of acknowledgement granted to Maumbalum Veerasawmy Naick, as required in your letter under date 28th. Ultimo.

Madura 6th. February 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r.

Daily Register of acknowledgements granted by the Principal Collector of Madura to the 4 per cent Loan opened under the advertizement of the Supreme Government dated 16th. Septr. & republished in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 17th. October 1835.

Number of the Certificate	Date	In whose favor granted	Amount paid into the Principal Collector's Treasury	Amount for which the Promissory Note is to be issued
			C. Rupees	C. Rupees
1	1837 January 5th.	Maumbalum Veerasawmy Naick	21300	21300

Madura 5th. January 1837.
(Signed) J. Blackburne

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To

The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.

Madura 7th February 1837.

No. 42. Exchange for Company's Rupees 250 ..

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Robert Davidson Esq.re, acting Sub Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred and Fifty, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at Ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to Mess.rs Griffiths & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.

Maduras 7th February 1837.

No. 43. Exchange for Company's Rupees 250 ..

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Robert Davidson Esq.re, acting Sub Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred and Fifty to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at Ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to Mess.rs Weder and Forbes — but not to their order, as per advice from.-

(Signed) John Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.

Madura
7th February 1837.

The

The Honorable Company Dr.

To the hire of 2 Bullocks and drivers to Convey Rupees 8968-10-2 to the Officer Commanding Dindigul, being the amount of Paymasters Bill No. 699 dated 11th January 1837 - - - - - - - - - - - - Rs. 2 " "

Madura 8th February 1837. } To the Paymaster Southern Divn. Trichinopoly. (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Received the amount Viz. Rupees Two. (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 61

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government loan has been received during the last Week. (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Madura 13th Feby. 1837.

No. 44 Exchange for Company's Rupees 477.

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqr. Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Four hundred and Seventy Seven, being the amount unpaid from the letter of Credit No. 811, Dated 10th Ultimo, on account of Prizes drawn to Tickets in the Second Class of the 59th Government Lottery, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to the Treasurer of the Government Bank but not to his order, as per Advice from (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Madura 17th February 1837.

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly, a Draft in Duplicate for Company's Rupees Thirty Five & Annas Ten, Dated 16th February 1837, being pay in arrears for January 1837, for Native Pensioners attached to Public Bungalows, & hire for Money Carriage. (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Madura 18th February 1837.

No. 64

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. Your letter of the 16th, received yesterday, complains of the non-arrival of my Cash balance report on the 1st; & observes that they should always be transmitted on the evening of the day to which they refer.-

2. My Cash balance report of the 31st Ultimo was despatched to you on the 3rd, and I am sorry that it will very frequently be an impossibility to despatch them on the date they bear, because, my duty often takes me into the districts on such occasions the report is prepared in my office at Madura, forwarded for Signature to wherever I may be, and returned to Madura, as the most convenient & prompt mode of final despatch for Madras- This will some times cause a delay of upwards of ten days.-

3. If you lay a stress on having it despatched on the precise day, and can suggest any mode of attaining your end without detriment to the public service I shall be happy to be guided by you.-

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 20th February 1837.

No. 65

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's office Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to the instructions Contained in your letter of the 9th instant I have the honor to inform you that the Necessary alterations have been made in my Journal for last Month.-

I beg to request you will be good enough to alter the Journal furnished you for December last according to the annexed Memo.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 20th February 1837-

Memorandum

Balance of Cash on the 1st December 1836	75181	..	7
Receipts as per Journal	218213	8	9
	293394	9	4
Disbursements as per Journal	139889	13	2
Balance on the 31st December 1836	153504	12	2
Balance as above by Journal	153504	12	2
Balance by Report dated 31st December 1836	147890	15	5
Deficiency	5613	12	9

To

No. 69

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

Madura 21st February 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 71.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

An irregularity having crept into the receipt of the pensioners alluded to in your letter of the 16th Instant the duplicates have been retained in my office till it can be rectified by the Pensioner's appearance next Month, when I will lose no time in forwarding them.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 21st February 1837.

No. 77

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your Notice the increasing scarcity of Copper Coin, and consequent hardship under which the poorer Classes labour.—

The Government rate is 48 pice to a Rupee, when only 45 can be procured in the Bazar.— It is a Subject of daily and extensive Complaint, and I would fain engage you to give it your attention.—

Madura 25th February 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 79

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.—

Madura
27th February 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 45. Exchange for Company's Rupees 3. " " 125 249

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from James Henry Hogg Assistant Revenue Surveyor of the 4th Division, the sum of Company's Rupees Three, being the amount of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from

Madura 28th February 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collector

No. 80

To The Principal Collector of

Malabar

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, acting Civil Engineer, 4th Division, at sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Sixty Two and Annas Eight, being the amount of Pay of his Establishment for last Month which sum will be Credited to you under the Head of Remittances and Transfers between Collectors.

Madura 1st March 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 82

To The Paymaster

Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward transcript of a retrenchment by the Military Auditor General against the acting Civil Engineer, 4th Division; and also of a letter addressed by me to that Officer on the 11th Ultimo, and request you will be so good as to recover the amount vizt. Rupees 4. and inform me of your having done so.

Madura 1st March 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 162. 8. "

To The Principal Collector of

Coimbatore

Sir,

At sight Please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber acting

acting Civil Engineer, 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Sixty Two and Annas Eight, being the amount of Pay of his Establishment for last Month, which sum will be Credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors." -

Madura 1st March 1837. - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.r

No. 84
To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo, and to state that the report of balance was sent to me for Signature, while on Circuit at Cottamputty, on the 2d February, which was signed and returned the same day, and put into the Post office on the 3d. No other letters were dispatched on that day to your office, and the accompanying + Duplicate receipt, received from the General Post Office, will shew that this letter has been acknowledged to have been received there. -

+ to be returned

I beg to enclose a Duplicate of the report as requested in your letter under reply. -

Madura 2d March 1837. - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.r

No. 46 Exchange for Company's Rupees .. 1000 ..
To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esq.re, Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees One Thousand, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to Messrs. Binny and Co., but not to their order, as per advice from. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.r

Madura
2d March 1837. -

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No. 47 Exchange for Company's Rupees 75 - 11 - 9

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Robert Davidson Esqre., Acting Sub Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Seventy Five annas Eleven and Pice Nine, to be paid at Madras,
D I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 2d. March 1837.

No. 87

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 21st. Ultimo, I have
D the honor to forward the duplicate receipts of the Pensioner therein alluded to. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 4th. March 1837.

The Honorable Company Dr.

To the hire of a Bullock and driver to convey Rupees 6572. 12. 3. to the Officer Commanding Dindigul being the amount of Paymaster's Bill, No. 783, dated 11th. February 1837. Rupees 1 - 4 - "

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 4th. March 1837 - To the Paymr. Southn. Divn. Trichinopoly. Received the amount Vizt. Rupee One & Annas Four. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 92

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no sub-
D -scription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 7th. March 1837

No. 48 Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . 2100 . -

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esquire, Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Two Thousand and one hundred, being the amount Sales of 70. First Class Tickets, in the 60th Government Lottery, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, but not to his order, as per advice from. -

Madura 8th March 1837. - (Signed) J. Blackburne

Prinl. Collr.

No. 100

To The Military Paymaster

Southern Division

Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Receipts in Duplicate for the amount of Rupees 1416. 8 . - paid to the Officer Commanding 1st Regiment N. I, and request you will favor me with a Draft for the amount. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 10th March 1837. - Prinl. Collr.

No. 103.

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 13th March 1837. - Prinl. Collr.

No. 49 Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . 250 . . .

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

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Having received from R. Davidson Esqre, late acting Sub Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred and Fifty, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at Ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs. Griffiths & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 14th. March 1837 -

Received from the Paymaster, Southern Division, a Draft in Duplicate in favor of the Principal Collector of Madura for C. Rupees 1416 - 8 - ,, dated 14th. March 1837 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 16th. March 1837 -

No. 50 Exchange for Company's Rupees 212 ,, ,,

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mooddoovejia Ragoonada Boda :goorooSawmy Parea Odia Thaver, Zemindar of Shevagungah, the sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred and Twelve, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at Ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to the Superintendent of the Fort St. George Gazette Press, but not to his Order, as per Advice from -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 18th. March 1837 -

No. 115

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscrip:tion to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 20th. March 1837

No. 121

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Since your letter of the 12th. November last, Captain Faber has drawn no money from my Treasury for his own pay on the 16th. November 1836, and on the 11th. February 1837, I informed him of

of the retrenchment of 4 Rupees made against him, and in a demi official of the Instant he informed me he had been unable to get a draft from the paymaster in Malabar and Canara and supposed the four Rupees would be stopped by the paymaster of the Southern Division at Trichinopoly from his pay for the Current Month.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 22d. March 1837.

No. 51 Exchange for Company's Rupees 3-..

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from David Rous Limond Esq. Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Three, being the amount of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from.-

(Signed). J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 23d. March 1837.-

No. 130

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 27th. March 1837.-

No. 132

To The Accountant
in the Revenue Department of the
Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Bill which accompanied your letter of the 23d. Ultimo

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duly receipted -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 1st April 1837. -

No. 52. Exchange for Company's Rupees 100. -

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqr. Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at Ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said Sum to Messrs. Parry Dare & Co., but not to their order as per Advice from -

Madura 1st April 1837. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 134

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 3d. April 1837.

No. 136

To The Accountant
in the Revenue Department of the
Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the four Original Bills which accompanied your letter of the 31st Ultimo, and to state that the instructions therein Contained will be attended to. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Coll.

Madura 3d. April 1837. -

No. 139

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th Ultimo, and to enable you to understand why Sanction was given for writing off a larger sum than would be eventually necessary, and to enable you to understand why the amount remains yet in part unadjusted, beg to state that.

2. In the accounts prepared upto May 1834, and Submitted to Government on the 10th December of that year, the deficiency was shewn at Rupees 600322. 5. 5; but there were subsequent Collections from the landed property of Biccajee Rao, which reduced the deficiency to Rupees 597366. 6. 4. –

3. The deficiency of Rupees 6521. 1. 11, shewn in the cash report, is the amount advanced to extra Establishments in Ramnad, during the time of the late Mr. Peter and of Mr. Vive-ash, whilst the Zemindary was under attachment: – It was entered only in the treasury, and not in the Madras Accounts: – There has been Collected, on this account, Rupees 4505. 12. 3, Credited to the treasury account only; at the end of January the Balance was 2015. 5. 8, the progressive Collections of which will continue to be credited in the same way till final adjustment. –

4. The deficiency, as entered in the Madras Accounts upto August last, was Rupees 461890. 12. 7, to which was added, when the adjustment of the embezzlements of this treasury was forwarded to Madras, the old deposit amount (hitherto kept separate and distinct) which swelled the amount to the sum of Rupees 600322. 5. 5. –

5. To meet any further difficulties that may occur to you, I would suggest you should obtain me permission to furnish you with a Copy of the proceedings of the Board of Revenue and the Government Sanction on the subject – or, what is still more convenient for me,

that

that you should obtain them direct from the Board's Office

Madura 5th April 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 141.

To The Accountant
in the Revenue Department of the
Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

As directed in your letter of the 31st Ultimo I have the honor to inform you that I have made the necessary Erasure in my Office Copy of Account Particulars, No. 18, and the further instructions therein Contained will be attended to.

Madura 5th April 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 143.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd Instant I beg leave to inform you that the Cash balance account and the intimation of no loan subscriptions were inclosed in the same envelope dispatched from this office on the 3rd Ultimo, and as you have received the latter document I trust, on enquiry, you will be able to find the former also, as having been mislaid -

Madura 7th April 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 144

To The Accountant
in the Revenue Department of the
Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 4th instant I have the honor to inform you that the Statement for payments made by the Paymaster at the Presidency on account of Pay & allowances to Lieut.ts Cotton and Sha[w] Civil Engineers 4th Division, was forwarded to your Offic[e] with the Monthly Accounts for September, accompanied by a Register of Vouchers, in which the above Stateme[nt] is No. 4 -

The

The Bill for 20 days Tentage, being Rupees 16. 10. 8, was forwarded to the Civil Auditor on the 20th October last, and Erroneously Entered in the Journal for September as sent to your office, instead of to the Civil Auditor.—

The Entry in the office Copy of my Journal has been accordingly Corrected & I request you will be so good as to make a similar Correction in the Journal sent to you.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 7th April 1837.

No. 53. Exchange for Company's Rupees 3-,,-,,

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Annajee Row, Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (3) Three, being the amount of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, to be paid at Madras; I request you will, at Sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said Sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order as per Advice from.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 7th April 1837.

No. 145.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura Cauliarcovil
13th April 1837.

No. 147.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

The

The balance of Cash in the Madura Treasury amounted last Night to Rupees 339984-12-9. The Sub Collector in charge of Tinnevelly has this day apprized me of his intention to send a remittance to you on the 20th Current:- If you wish any to be sent from my treasury I request your earliest intimation of the amount desired.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura Colliarcovil
13th April 1837

No. 48.

To The Accountant
in the Revenue Department of the
Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo, and to forward the revised Journal of this Collectorate for January last, prepared agreeably to the instructions therein contained.-

Madura Caulbarcovil
13th April 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 54 Exchange for Company's Rupees 3-..

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Ponoomachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Three, being the amount of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and Date not being paid), pay the said Sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura 15th April 1837

No. 157

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 17th April 1837

No. 163

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 24th April 1837

No. 168

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th Instant I have the honor to forward transcripts of letters, of this date, to the Senior Officer in charge of the 1st Regiment N. I.,– to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army,– and to the Collector of Trichinopoly, and trust the arrangements there entered into may meet your approbation.–

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 25th April 1837

No. 171

To
The Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir,

To be delivered to the Collr. of Trichinopoly.

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General, I have, this day, dispatched to the Presidency, in charge of Guard, the sum of Company's Rupees (300,000) Three lacs, as per

duplicate Invoice enclosed.

Madura 26th April 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

P.S. The duplicate receipt granted by J. W. Goldsworthy, Captain, for the above is also enclosed. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 172.

To
The Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General, I have the honor to send, in charge of the accompanying Guard under the Escort of J. W. Goldsworthy, Captain of the 1st Regiment N. I, the sum of Company's Rupees (300,000) Three lacs, as per Invoice enclosed, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge.

To be delivered to the Collr. of Trichinopoly

Madura 26th April 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

P.S. The Original receipt granted by J. W. Goldsworthy, Captain, for the above is also enclosed. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 173.

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 19th instant I have, this day, dispatched to the General Treasury at the Presidency under charge of a Guard, Commanded by J. W. Goldsworthy, Captain of the 1st Regiment N. I, the sum of Company's Rupees (300,000.) Three lacs, as per Triplicate Invoice enclosed.

As far as Trichinopoly

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 26th April 1837.

Madura 26th April 1837.

I do hereby Certify that I received under my charge from the Principal Collector of Madura 15 Boxes, on 15 Bandies, said to Contain Treasure of various Coins to the amount of Company's Rupees (300,000.) Three lacs, to be delivered to the Collector of Trichinopoly, for transmission to the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency, together with the

sum of Company's Rupees Two, and Annas Eight, for Lamp Oil on the road. - (Signed) J. W. Goldsworthy
Captn. 1st Regt. N. I.

Duplicate

Madura 26th April 1837

Received from the Principal Collector of Madura in good order, well conditioned, 15 Boxes, said to contain Treasure of various Coins to the amount of Company's Rupees (300000) Three lacs, to be delivered to the Collector of Trichinopoly for transmission to the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency - (Signed) J. W. Goldsworthy
Captn. 1st Regt. N. I.

Madura 26th April 1837

Received from the Principal Collector of Madura the Sum of Company's Rupees (6-4 as) Six and Annas four for Lamp Oil on the road from Trichinopoly to Madras, with the remittance of Treasure
(Signed) Pudmayee Deloyit

No. 55 Exchange for Company's Rupees 6 " "

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from Chittoor Vencata row, sherestadar of the Sub Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Six, being the amount of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, for 2 Quarters, to be paid at Madras I request you will, at Sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from -

Madura 29th April 1837. - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 182

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription

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to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.
Madura 1st May 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 186

To
The Accountant
in the Revenue Department of the
Accountant General's Office
Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to transmit the Voucher for the advance of Rupees (1000) One Thousand, made to Lieutenant Colonel Monteith, in February last, as requested in your letter of the 21st Ultimo.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura Nellacotay
7th May 1837

No. 187

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George
Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan, has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 8th May
1837.

No. 1 Exchange for Company's Rupees 200

To The Accountant General.
Fort St. George
Sir

Having received from Thomas Inglis Parish Harris Esqre., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred, to be paid at Madras I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to Messrs. Parry Dare & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
9th May 1837.

No. 195

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

receipt of an original Bill for Rupees 200, advanced to Gopal Saustry Pundit Sudder Ameen of the Zillah Court of Madura, forwarded with your letter under date 21st Ultimo —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Collector

Madura
11th May 1837

No 199.

To The Accountant
in the Revenue Department of the
Accountant General's office —
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 1st April I have the honor to forward Copy of one from Lieutenant Inverarity, late 2d Assistant Civil Engineer of this Division, together with the Certificate therein alluded to, and request to be favored with your further instructions —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Collector

Madura 11th May
1837 —

No 200.

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day drawn a Bill on you at 10 days sight in favor of Messrs Wardrop Line and Co. Agents to Mr. Nelson, formerly Head Assistant Collector of this District for Companys Rupees two hundred and five and Annas thirteen, being Extra Commission due to him for fusly 1236, and request you will duly honor it when due —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Collector

Madura
13th May 1837 —

No 2. Exchange for Company's Rupees 205 — 13 —

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esquire, Principal Collector of Madura, on account of Extra Commission, due to Mr. Nelson, Head Assistant Coll^r of

of this District in fusly 1236, the sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred and five and Annas thirteen, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at ten days' sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs. Wardrop Line & Co., but not to their order, as pr advice from

Madura
13th May 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

No. 203.

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week —

Madura
15th May 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

No. 206.

To
The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's office —
Fort St. George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 16th instant I have the honor to inform you that the amount therein alluded to has been recovered from Captain Faber and credited in my Accounts for last month —

Madura 19th May 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

No. 207.

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura Sindoopully
22d May 1837 —
Despd. 24th " }

To

No. 3 Exchange for Company's Rupees 3500 " "

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esquire, Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees three thousand five hundred, to be paid at Madras, to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said Sum of Company's Rupees three thousand five hundred to the Superintendent of the Government Lottery, but not to their order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 26th May 1837.

No. 212

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura Melur 29th May 1837.

No. 221

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 5th June 1837.

No. 4 Exchange for Company's Rupees 200 " "

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from Thomas Inglis Parish Harris, Esqr. Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Parry Dare and Co., I request you will, at ten days after

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M. Holidays excepted

after sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred to Mess.rs Parry Dare and Co., but not to their order, as per advice from —

Madura Prin.l Coll.rs office }
2.d June 1837 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 5 Exchange for Company's Rupees 90 „ „

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esq.r Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Ninety, to be paid at Madras to the Sup.t and Treasurer of the Government Bank, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Ninety to the Sup.t and Treasurer of the Government Bank, but not to his order, as per advice from —

Hours of acceptance between 10 and 12 A.M. Holidays excepted

Madura }
6th June 1837 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 231

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

The decrease in the collections of this district below the half yearly, and also below the Monthly Estimates for March and April, as pointed out in your letter of the 1st instant, is owing to the failure of the Zemindar of Shevagunga to pay his Kists, in consequence of the estate having been awarded in appeal from him to another Claimant, and in consequence of which I was empowered to attach it on the 8th Ultimo: — and because the Government have authorized the postponement of one Kist of the other Zemindaries till this time next year —

Nothing will be collected from Shevagunga till after the next harvest and therefore the above reasons will I hope sufficiently account for the difference you

you will hereafter perceive both between the yearly and half yearly estimate and actual Collections; and also between the Monthly Estimates and Actual Collections for May. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 7th June 1837.

Hours of Acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M.
Holidays excepted

No. 6 Exchange for Company's Rupees 3 " "

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. James Henry Hogg, Assistant Revenue Surveyor of the 4th Division, the Sum of Company's Rupees Three, to be paid, at Madras, to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said Sum of Company's Rupees Three to the Secretary to Government, in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per Advice from -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 8th June 1837.

No. 235

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 12th June 1837.

Hours of Acceptance between 10 & 20 A.M.
Holidays Excepted. -

No. 7 Exchange for Company's Rupees 6 " "

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from David Ross Dimond Esqre. Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, and Panoomachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody, the sum of Company's Rupees Six, to be paid, at Madras, to the Secretary to the Government, in the Public Department, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said Sum of Company's Rupees Six to the Secretary to Government, in the Public Department, but not to

to his order, as per advice from.-

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Madura 15th June 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 236

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura, Chipalacotah
19th June 1837

No. 237

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 4th May and to request you will inform me under what head the Charge therein alluded to is to be Entered in my Accounts.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura, Andiputty
22d June 1837

No. 241

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura 26th June 1837.-

No. 246

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that uncurrent 20 & 40 Cash Copper pieces, received into my Treasury from the Talooks and Davastanoms, are usually credited & debited in the Public accounts at 180 per Pagoda, according to the rate of Conversion per % pieces of Coins, but in the Bazar the Shroffs exchange them @ 168 or some times less, I therefore beg to

know

know if I am to adjust the first mentioned rate in the Public accounts or to Credit the Surplus by disposing of them in Public Sale? -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
27th June 1837. -

No. 253.

To
The Accountant
in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to alter the Number 49. and place in their stead, No. 50, to both headings Vizt. "Buildings Judicial" in the Cash Entry and "Principal Collector of the Northern Division of Arcot" in the Transfer Entry, in the Journal for April last. -

Madura 29th June 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 8

Exchange for Company's Rupees 477 - 6 "

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre. Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's rupees four hundred & seventy seven and Annas Six, to be paid at Madras, to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said Sum of Companys rupees four hundred and seventy seven and Annas Six to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., but not to their order, as pr advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
1st July 1837.

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No. 258

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To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
3d July 1837.

No. 260.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's Office –
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the alterations in the Office Ledger directed in your letter of the 29th Ultimo, have been made –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
3d July 1837

No. 261

To The Military Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 4th May, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me how the 2 European Pensioners are to draw their Military pension, whether I am to pay them on their receipts to be forwarded to you, or if I must await the receipt of drafts from you in their favor; they appear to have drawn an advance of 10 Rupees each from their pay for the present month from the Fort Adjutant of Trichinopoly –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
3d July 1837 –

No. 267.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your

your information Copy of a letter from the Officiating Secretary in the Department of public Works, & will feel obliged by your informing me under what head the charge therein alluded to is to be entered in my Accounts -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
3rd July 1837.

No 276

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura
10th July 1837.

No 277

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Agreeably to your instructions of the 5th instant, I have the honor to forward a statement of the Abkaree revenue from 1823/24 to 1835/36, as also a Memorandum shewing the Revenue arising from duties on the intoxicating drugs, Gunjah and Bang, which have only yielded a revenue since 1832/33 and which has hitherto been always included in the Statement of Sayer duties -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura 11th July 1837

No 283

To The Accountant in the Revenue Depart.
of the Accountant Generals Office -
Fort St George

Sir

As directed in your letter of the 30th Ulto. I have the honor to forward the portions of my Duplicate Journal for the past official year 1836/37 as far as October 1836 -

Madura
15th July 1837 -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

No 286 137 273

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 17th July 1837 —

No. 285

To The Accountant
in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward receipts of the Paymaster & of the Engineer at Paumben, for Sums entered in the Accounts Current of the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly for May and June, entered in the Journal for the latter Month — Vizt.

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Madura
17th July 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 9 Exchange for Company's Rupees 3 .. ..

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Annamjee Row, Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees three, to be paid, at Marrot, to the Secretary to Govt. in the public Department, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the same tenor & date not being paid) to pay the said Sum of Company's Rupees three to the Secretary to Government in the public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 15th July 1837 —

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M. Holidays excepted

No. 289.

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward the Stat[ement] Comparative

Comparative and Actual Gross Collections & Charges in this district for the official year 1836/37 and to state that the remarks to it shall be transmitted in a few days —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 18th July 1837 —

No. 10 Exchange for Companys Rupees 4. " — "

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Edward Penton Thompson Esquire, Acting Judge of Madura, the sum of Companys Rupees four, to be paid at Madras, to the Register of the Court of Sudder Audalut, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Companys Rupees four to the Register of the Court of Suder Audalut, but not to his order, as per advice from —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 24th July 1837 —

No. 294

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, with reference to your letter of the 5th August, that Rupees 101.12 " debited to the Principal Collector of Malabar, continue placed to the Credit of "Deposits of Revenue" in my Accounts, as Lieutenant Best has proceeded to Europe, without drawing the Amount, I request to be informed if it may be brought to the Credit of Government —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura Shevagungah 25th July 1837 —

No. 295

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura Shevagungah 26th July 1837 —

No 296

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To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the remarks for the Statement Comparative and actual Gross Collections and Charges forwarded with my letter of the 18th instant.

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Madura Thiroocustyoor }
26th July 1837 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 297

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the regular Estimate for 1837/38, alluded to in your letter of the 24th Ultimo, which was forwarded to you in September last year, will be dispatched in the Course of next Month

D

Madura Thircostyoor }
26th July 1837 }

(Signed) Jn Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 300

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

D

Madura Jalaurcottah }
2d August 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 313

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 4th instant, just received, I beg leave to excuse my omission to furnish you with a quarterly statement shewing the remittances from their salaries, required to be made to the Presidency, by the Civil Servants within my District for the current quarter, on the score that no Civil Servant has intimated to me his wish to make any, and as for myself I find my own salary barely sufficient to answer the demands I have upon it within the District.

D

Madura Calliarcoail }
5th August 1837 }

(Signed) Jn Blackburne
Princl Collector.

No 318.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George
Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura Calliarcoil 9th August 1837

No 313

To The Military Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly
Sir,

I have the honor to forward abstracts of stipends & Muster Rolls of the 2 European Military Pensioners placed under my Charge, for the Months of July and August together with attested Copies of their pension Certificates, and their last pay Certificates —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura Jalavencottah 2d August 1837

No 323

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George
Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura Nettore 15th August 1837

No 328

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George
Sir,

In Conformity to Para 8 of the instruction of the Government Savings Bank, I have the honor to transmit Extract of Register of Deposit made by the Establishment of the Civil Engineer 4th Division for the Month of August 1837.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura Manamadura 17th August 1837

No 11 Exchange for Companys Rupees — 603. 8. 2.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Edward Penton Thompson Esqre, Acting Judge of Madura, the Sum of Companys Rupees Six hundred and three Annas Eight & pice two, to be paid at Madras to the Register of the Sudder Adalut, I request you will, at 10 days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said Sum of C Rupees Six hundred & three Annas Eight & pice two to the Register of the Sudder Adalut, but not to his order, as per advice from Madura

Manamadura 18th Augt 1837 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 340.

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that no subscription to the Govt Loan has been received during the last week

Madura Triboovanom 22d August 1837 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 340

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 28th Augt 1837 —

No 340

To The Accountant
in the Revenue Department of the
Accountt Generals office
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the regular Estimate of receipts & disbursements in this District for the official year 1837/38, and to state that the remarks to it shall be transmitted in 2 days

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura 30th August 1837 —

No. 349

To The Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Not aware that any large amount is likely to be required by the Merchants for Cotton this year I beg to inform you that I can hold two lacs of Rupees at your disposal whenever you please. The amount this day in the Treasury is Rupees 3,61,242, 6. 4.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
30th August 1837

No. 369

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the remarks for the regular estimate for the official year 1837/38 forwarded with my letter of the 30th Ultimo.

Madura 1st September 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 366

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 5th Septr. 1837.

No. 373

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

In Conformity to Para 8th of the instructions of the Government Savings Bank I have the honor to transmit Extract of Register of Deposit made by the Establishment of the Civil Engineer, 4th Division, for the Month of September 1837.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servant
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
6th September
1837.

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No 382.

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you

D that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week –

Madura 11th September 1837 – (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl Collector

No 392

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a

D quarterly return of remittances required to be made to the Presidency by the Civil Servants of this Station –

Madura 18th September 1837 –

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedt servant
(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 394

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you

D that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week –

Madura Melur 18th Septr 1837 – (Signed) J Blackburne Princl Collector

No 404

To
The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you

D that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week –

Madura Cottampatty 27th Septr 1837 – (Signed) J Blackburne Princl Collr

No 411.

To the Accountant General
Fort St George
Financial Depart.

Sir

I have just had the honor

to receive your letter of the 23rd instant requesting measures to be taken for the dispatch of treasure from Madura to the Presidency —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

Madura Melur
28th Septr 1837 —

No 418

To the Military Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir

It being represented to me that the duplicate Draft for Rupees 1196-12. drawn in favor of the Officer Commanding Ramnad, dated 11th Septr, has been lost by a Peon, attacked with Cholera on his way from Ramnad, to Madura, and as there is no hope of its being recovered, I request you will be good enough to furnish me with another duplicate —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

Madura 30th September 1837

No 420

To the Accountant
in the Revenue Department of the
Accountant General's Office
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward revised Journal, Abstract, & the original Account particulars from 1st to 11th July 1837, in lieu of those returned with your letter of the 15th instant, & to state Rupees 129-4-7, Collected in excess of the Settlement of the Mailacottah Zemindary, and credited to "Ryotwar" since its assumption, from 1st January 1836 to 30th June 1837, should have been credited to Extra Revenue, as directed in your letter, but as the amount was paid to the Zemindar on the restoration of his Zemindary, it is now debited to the same head & credited to "refunds of Land revenue" on account of Establishment & ca charges incurred for the Zemindary, which was calculated on the whole charges of the Division —

As directed in the 2nd Para. of your letter under reply, a revised Journal from 12th to 31st July

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July 1837 is also herewith forwarded

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 30th Septr. 1837

No 421.

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 2d October 1837

No 424

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

Agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 23d Ultimo, I have, this day, despatched to the General Treasury at the Presidency, under charge of a Guard, Commanded by Jamadar Balojee row, of the 33d Regiment Native Infantry, the Sum of Companys Rupees (200,000), Two Lacs, as pr. Triplicate Invoice enclosed.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 2d October 1837.

No 12 Exchange for Companys rupees 1500 " "

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre, Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's rupees One thousand & five hundred, to be paid at Madras to Messrs Binny & Co, I request you will, at Ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's rupees One thousand & five hundred to Messrs Binny & Co, but not to their order, as pr. advice from

(Signed) John Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura 3 October 1837

No 433

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward a

revised

revised Statements of Abkaree revenue, and Charges as directed in your letter of the 29th Ultimo

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr.

Madura 4th October 1837 –

No 448

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week –

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 10th October 1837

No 452

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In Conformity to Para 8th of the instructions of the Government Savings Bank, I have the honor to transmit Extract of Register of Deposit, made by the Establishment of the Civil Engineer, 4th Division, for the month of October –

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr.

Madura 12th October 1837

No 13 Exchange for Companys Rupees 2600 " "

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre Principal Collr. of Madura, the sum of Companys Rs Two thousand and six hundred to be paid, at Madras, to the Superintendent & Treasurer of the Government Bank, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Companys Rupees Two thousand & six hundred to the Superintendent of the Government Lottery, but not to his order, as p advice from

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura 15th October 1837 –

a Pm Holidays Excepted

No 456. 162

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 16th October 1837.

No 463

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 23d October 1837

No 469

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 30th October 1837

No 14 Exchange for Companys Rupees 400 " "

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
Having received from Captn. C. E. Faber Civil Engineer 4th Division, the sum of Companys Rupees Four hundred, to be paid at Madras, to J. Reid Esqre., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Rupees four hundred to J. Reid Esqre., but not to his order, as pr. advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 1st November 1837.

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M. Holidays excepted

No 15 Exchange for Company's Rupees 100 " "

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
Having received from Thomas Inglis Palin Harris Esqre., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees one hundred, to be paid at Madras

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M. Holidays excepted

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to Messrs. Griffiths and Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees one hundred to Messrs. Griffiths & Co. but not to their order, as pr. advice from

Madura 2d. Nov. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ'l. Collector

No. 477.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountt. General's office
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Memo: shewing in what manner the items, alluded to in the margin of your letter of the 19th. Ultimo, were adjusted in my Accounts - & if you will be so good as to furnish me instructions how the revised Journals &ca. are to be prepared, I shall lose no time in obeying them.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 2d. November 1837. Princ'l. Collector

No. 488.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Account Current with the Paymaster of the Southern Division, duly Corrected, the Error was of the Copyist Entering Rupees 4803-13-1, the Amt. undrawn from the letter of Credit, instead of 4893-13-1.

Madura 6th. November 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ'l. Collector

No. 489

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 6th. November 1837. Princ'l. Collector

No. 499

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

The Board having permitted me to Indent on the Principal Collector of Salem, for one Garce of

of wheat seed for distribution to Hill ryots, I request to be infor-

(Hill ryots.) med under what head I am to charge the expences incurred on

that account - As also to what head I shall charge certain

buildings for the accommodation of traders in their ascent of the

(Road buildings) same Hill, and for construction of houses for low Country Cur-

nams about to be built upon them -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura 11th November 1837

No. 501

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura 14th Novr 1837

No. 502

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

In conformity to Para 8 of the instructions of the Government Savings Bank, I have the honor to transmit Extract of Register of deposit made by the Establishment of the Civil Engineer, 4th Division, for the Month of November 1837

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura 14th November 1837

No. 503

To the Paymaster Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

1 Your letter of the 25th Ultimo, desiring payment of Rupees 5268 " " to the Officer Commanding 45th Regiment N. I. at Dindigul, with the least possible delay, as being "urgently required" reached me on the 26th, when I instantly procured a guard from the Detachment of the 33rd Regiment N. I. and forwarded it that same day to the Tasr. of Tandycomboo, at Dindigul, desiring him to pay the money and receive the Bills - The Regiment did not arrive till some time after, and the Bills being still not returned to me, I have written to the Tasseldar for information, which has not yet arrived -

2 As the amount was necessarily charged in the Accounts

Accounts of disbursement from the Treasury, and shewn in the treasury balance, as submitted periodically to the Accountant General, it is not in my power to have the Account Current altered, but credit shall be given you for the amount in the account Current for the Current month —

Madura 16 Novr. 1837 (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collector

No 506.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward account Current of the Military Paymaster, Southern Division Trichinopoly, together with its enclosures, & to state that as soon as the original receipt for Rupees 1473-2-7 in favor of Lieutenant H. Congreve, in Charge of Sappers & Miners, at Paumbon is received, it will be forwarded; With reference to the duplicate receipts for Rupees 5260 granted in favor of Lieutenant Col. A.B. Dyce, Commanding the 45th Regt. N. I, I beg to forward Copy of a letter addressed to the Paymaster on the 16th Another draft for Rupees 530, granted by Lieutenant Col. Montieth & charged in the accounts for last month, will also be forwarded as soon as received —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura 18th Novr. 1837

No 507.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collector

Madura
20th November
1837 —

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To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
28th November 1837

(No. 511)

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountt. General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 18th Instant, I have the honor to forward the original receipt for Rupees 1473-2-7- in favor of Lieutenant H. Congreve, in charge of Sappers and Miners, at Paumban

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
28th November 1837

(No. 525)

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th Ultimo I have the honor to inform you the wheat seed supplied from Salem has been given gratis to the Hill Ryots of Pylney; Copy of the document you require is inclosed.

It is not intended to take any rent for the houses erecting for the Curnums nor for the buildings that may hereafter be raised for the traders to those Hills.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 1st December 1837.

(No. 526)

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23d, received 28th, Ultimo I have the honor to state that the Peshkush of the several fuslies of the Mailacotah Zemindary, Rupees 21877 15 –, was debited in the original Journal for 11th July 1837 to "Profit and Loss of the Revenue Department" and Rupees 874-9-9- being balance of fuslies 1223 and 1224, previous to assumption of the Zemindary, Credited to "Cash Dr. to Sundry Accounts" and also Rs. 21081-13- were debited under "Land revenue Ryotwar Settlement" according to their respective fuslies (the last mentioned amount had already been credited to "Land revenue Ryotwar" in each of the fuslies inconsequence of the Zemindary being included under land revenue) including Rupees 129-4-7- being surplus collection above the Peshkush which was to be repaid to the Zemindar; this sum & Rupees 1238-2-11- making Rupees 1367-7-6-, was credited to "Refunds of land revenue" on account of the portion of the Establishment &ca. charges, incurred for the Zemindary since its assumption, as per Statement herewith accompanying.

The transactions on account of Zemindary have been omitted in the revised accounts, and Rupees 129-4-7 only being surplus collections, was debited to "Land revenue Current" and credited to "Refunds of land revenue" together with the sum of Rupees 1238-2-11, paid by the Zemindar on account of Sibbendy &ca. charges.

The report of my cash balance has not been affected by omitting in the revised accounts the sums entered in my original Journal of 11th July 1837 under cash entry. I request you will furnish me with instructions to prepare the accounts returned by you.

Madura 1st December 1837

Signed J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No. 529

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To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Govern.t Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 4th December 1837

No. 16 Exchange for Company's Rupees ... 100 " "

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Thomas Inglis Parish Harris Esq.re Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred, to be paid, at Madras, to Mess.rs Griffeths & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my First Bill (the Second of the Same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred to Mess.rs Griffeths & Co, but to their order, as per advice from

Sir,
Your &c. (Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collector

Madura 2nd Dec.r 1837

[Margin: Hour of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M. Holidays Excepted.]

No. 539

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

In answer to your Circular of the 5th Instant I have the honor to State that no modification of my submitted Regular Estimate appears necessary.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
9th December 1837

No. 545

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have had, this day, the honor to receive your letter of the 7th instant, informing me the remarks made by me to five Items of my regular estimate were not Sufficiently explanatory, & requesting

a more full explanation at the earliest practicable period.

I have the honor to append their explanation and am sorry the former one should have been found so meager as to put you to the trouble of calling for more.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
11th December 1837

No. 546

To the Accountant General.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that no subscription to the Govt. Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
11th December 1837

(No. 557)

To the Accountant in the revenue Department of the
Accountant Generals office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward duly corrected, the Journal and accounts for October returned with your letter of the 9th instant, and to state the revised account current with the Military Paymaster shall be submitted as soon as received from that officer.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
16th December 1837

(No. 562)

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura, Maunamadura
18th December 1837

No. 17 Exchange for Companys Rupees 6 —

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from David Ross Limond Esqre. Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Companys Rupees Six, to be paid at Madras, to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor &

and date not being paid) pay the said Sum of Company's Rupees Six to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from

Sir, &c.

Madura, Paurtepanellore
9th December 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

No. 555

To the Military Paymaster Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to annex Copy of an extract of a letter from the Accountant General and request you will be good enough to affix your Signature to the accompanying revised account Current.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
16th December 1837

(No. 564)

To the Military Paymaster
Trichinopoly

Sir,

Thomas Rowe, One of the Military European Pensioners, attached to the Civil Department for instructing Natives in the use of the fly Shuttle having died on the 7th instant I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me if the deceased is entitled to his full Months pay as also to his compensation in lieu of Cloathing, and in that case if I am at liberty to give it to the woman with whom he has cohabited for about 20 years and in whose favor he has left a will duly authenticated dated some years back. It will be proper to observe that being entirely destitute at the time of his death I advanced 11½ Rupees for his funeral expenses submitting the bill for Sanction thro' the Secretary to Government military Department on the 8th Instant, but to which I have not yet received any answer.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura, Camoothi
23d December 1837

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To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

As directed in your letters of the 9th and 13th Instant, I have the honor to forward a revised Account Current with the Military Paymaster, and Journal, Account particular, and Abstract for 1st to 11th July.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura, Camoothi
21st December 1837

(No. 570)

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

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Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura Cadogoosunthay
26th December 1837

No. 572

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

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Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a quarterly Return of Remittances required to be made to the Presidency by the Civil Servants for this Station.

Signed J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura Rajakulputtum
27th December 1837

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To
The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,
I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements.-

Quarterly return of Revenue Defaulters Confined in the Jail.
Report of Casualties and revenue Defaulters released.
Report of Persons suspended & Dismissed in Conformity to Section VII Regulation VI of 1831.-
Goods Confiscated
Salt Confiscated.-

Madura
4th Jany. 1837

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Indent of Salt Rowanahs required by the Princl. Collector in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul for the year 1837.-

0000 Salt Rowanahs - No Value.-

Madura
4th Jany. 1837

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 2.

To,
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,
In answer to your letter of the 29th Ulto. requiring explanation of any irrecoverable advances formerly made to public servants, I have the honor to forward you a Statement such as you wish for, and request you will be so good as to procure me sanction for writing off Rupees 62. 11. 11.-

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6. Jany. 1837

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 3

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I had the honor, on the night before last, to receive your letter of the 26th Ulto with extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 29th Novr, and beg leave to inform you there are no Institutions in this district under the designation of Lungar Khanas, but there are five endowed Chettrums where boiled rice is daily distributed to a small extent to poor travellers who move thro' the respective villages.—

A very few persons also receive a fixed daily portion for life under the denomination of Oloofah:— I beg you to believe a careful superintendence is given to these valuable institutions; and I am satisfied no abuse exists in them. The paupers receiving the Oloofah are all objects decidedly deserving of the protection afforded them by this means.—

Madura
9th Jany 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 4

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have just had the honor to receive your communication of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 26th Ulto, and request you will be so good as to bring to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that I believe, from personal inspection

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inspection of the Mercals, and from my perfect reliance on the integrity of the Salt Amildar, that the report I had the honor to submit to you on the 18th November last is no way wanting in correctness. It may be of use in doing away with any suspicion of successfully concealed dishonesty on his part, to know that he has never been intrusted with the manufacture of the Mercals which have always been made in my own Cucherry, under the Superintendence of the Cash Keeper for whom I have an equally high respect.

As soon as I became acquainted with the Govt. dissatisfaction with my proceeding in this matter, I determined to request the Princl. Collector of Tanjore would be so good as to get made for me the next that might be sanctioned, on the possibility that the material of which they are manufactured here may be of inferior quality.

Madura }
9th Jany 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 5

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

The Sub Collector has just applied to me for authority to employ ten peons for ten days at the celebration of a festival that takes place at the Pagoda at Pylney on the 19th Instant. It has always been customary to grant this aid, paying for the same out of the funds of the Pagoda for the purpose of protecting the properties belonging to it, & for the preservation of order.

Doubtful of the probability of being able to receive and communicate your sanction, I have requested the Sub Collr.

to

to give the usual authority on my responsibility -

If it meets your pleasure I should be glad to obtain a general sanction for this purpose for future years.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
11th January 1837

No. 6

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward Copies of one letter to and one from, the Civil Auditor, Mr. Campbell, and beg you will be so good as to procure me sanction for retaining the establishment as it now stands, and as it was settled by the Collector, perhaps in error, in the year 1829 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
10th January 1837

No. 7

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 The hopes I entertained of hearing of considerable rains in the district at the end of last month have been disappointed; they were partial and to small extent. -

2 During this month none have fallen either in Madura or Dindigul.

3. I purpose commencing examination of the Nunjah withered crops in the course of a week. I was prepared to have done so a fortnight ago, but found I was too early. In a few of the neighbouring villages where the

whole

whole of the Punjah has perished, the fact has been verified

4. To give food to the poorer classes I have permitted them to cultivate with vegetables the beds of tanks on the light tax which existed before the authority was withdrawn by Mr. Wroughton: the permission is granted for this year only. –

5. To assist the next class of Ryots I have advanced them, from the amount already sanctioned, but not disbursed, money to enable them, like the richer Ryots, to pay coolies to aid them in raising water from springs in channels by a Pacottahs –

6. I have taken advantage of your permission of the 23d Ultimo to allow them to cultivate garden produce on punjah land paying only double instead of treble punjah tax. –

7. The authority which you have so considerately granted besides on the same date shall be made available when I can no longer escape from the necessity; but the publication of it would cause me so much inconvenience that I shall not resort to it till further advancement of the year. –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
10th Jany. 1837

No. 8.

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

1. I have the honor to request you will obtain me sanction for writing off the irrecoverable balance of an advance made for cultivation in this district in Fusly 1242, to extent of Rupees 353. 10. 2. –

2. The defaulter, Valormanay Manaigar, came

from the Coimbatoor district and obtained an advance of Rupees 500 to enable him to cultivate in the cusbah village of Iyempully in the talook of the same name in fusly 1242. He entirely failed in his contract and it has not been without great difficulty that Rupees 118½ have been recovered from him, and the utmost I could recover from his security was Rupees 27 13. 10 Total 146 5. 10. Both the defaulter and his security are entirely insolvent and the former is no longer to be found within this collectorate. I have never lost sight of any opportunity to recover this money during the last three years and I am now obliged to consider it a hopeless case—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
11th Jany 1837.

No. 9

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen

On receipt on the 21st Ulto. of the extract from the Minutes Consultn. under date the 17th November, conveyed in your Boards proceedings of the 15th of December, I lost no time in taking the opinion of the Ryots in the different Talooks on the probable success of the experiment of Sugar Cane on Punjah land and I am sorry to say no one is willing to undertake the chance of loss without indemnity:- no one will be satisfied with mere remission of tax on failure but requires also reimbursement of expenses

and

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and loss of labor

2. Inclosed is a Memo of the cost, & I should suggest either that the experiment be tried at the sole charge of Government on a half Cawny of ground in each talook, or thro' an usual cultivator of the plant under guarantee of all loss:- Or, seeing myself no analogy between the air of Jamaica weighed down with vapour and moisture, & the arid atmosphere of India, I would recommend the experiment should be confined to the talooks having land at the foots of Ghats and extensive hills.-

3. I beg to assure you of my disposition to give the most careful attention to whatever plan you determine upon.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
Singypetta
20th January 1837

Memo: of Cost for the Cultivation of a Cawny of Punjah land with Sugar Cane -

	R.	A.	P.
Hire for Plough	2	8	9
Do. for penning Sheep from Manure	6	"	"
Sugar Cane cost for planting	18	12	"
Sundry Charges	8	3	6
Total	35	8	3

Madura
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20th January 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 10

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I beg leave to forward a statement of the irrecoverable balances in Sayer and Abkary up to the

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end of last July, amounting to Rupees 3483 11 11:- and if you are of opinion I have neglected no desirable measures towards its collection, and agree with me in think-ing its recovery entirely hopeless, I trust you will be so good as to recommend its being allowed to be written off the accounts.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ.l Collector

Madura Singyputty }
20th January 1837 }

No. 11

To
The President and Members
of the Bd of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Since I last addressed you on the subject of the weather no rain has fallen: the talook of Thiroomungalum, in which I now am, will probably afford the least unfavorable result of any.-

The Dety Sub Collector reports especially unfavorably of the talook of Maroongapoory, where he now is, and more so than I am myself inclined to subscribe to.-

As the harvest season is now at a close I purpose discontinuing these periodical reports till something occurs worthy of communication unless I hear you wish not to do so.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ.l Collr.

Madura
Singyputty }
21st January 1837 }

No. 12

To
The President and Members
of the Bd of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to the Minutes of Consultation

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Consultation, No. 1409, under date the 8th November, Conveyed in your Circular of the 22d Ultimo (pec 9 Instt.) I have the honor to forward the detailed lists of Allowances &c therein required, together with a separate Abstract drawn up according to the form thereto Annexed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
24th January 1837

No. 13

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

1. Some time after they were due, I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 27th June, respecting
24 July the imposition of a Veesabuddy tax upon this district, as
29 July also your letter of the 14th July directing the reassessment of the Moturpha tax.

2. In obedience to your instructions I lost no time in reconsidering all the former correspondence & accounts relative to the Moturpha, and found that up to Fusly 1214, a very heavy, partial and arbitrary tax had been levied, as will be apparent by inspection of Statement No. 3. and I found that the accounts of Fusly 1230 were framed pretty nearly on the same basis, at the same rate, & on the same classes only as before, according to the accounts of Fusly 1214.

3. The same determined disinclination to assist in taxing themselves of which the late Principal Collector complained, in his letter of the 9th May 1832, was opposed to my invitations and exhortations, by the Merchants &c. of the Fort of Madura (the submission of whom, from being the wealthiest, most numerous and diversified in the district

district, would almost ensure the acquiescence of all the rest; - they peremptorily declined to take further part than answer any questions I chose to propose to them. - I have always been averse to resort to compulsory measures as equally impolitic and cruel, and there is little doubt that had I availed myself of the great powers put at my command by Regulation IV of 1818, the result would have been the closing of the shops, temporary cessation of traffic and general disgust.

4\. The Objections of the people resolve themselves into the single one that so long as the Customs exist, the imposition of the proposed tax would be to impose a double tax upon them. - Premising by stating to your Board my own entire concurrence in their objection, and my conviction that the time for increasing their taxes has not yet come, I nevertheless have paid implicit obedience to your instructions, and proceed to shew my sentiments how, and how far, the taxes may be levied, in the event of Government's final determination to inforce them. -

5\. I have before shewn that I expect all classes to acquiesce in the same rate of taxation that is inforced on the Inhabitants of Madura Fort, which is the reason that my Statement Particular of Proposed Veesabuddy and Mohturpha taxes is confined to the Fort alone; and I beg to recommend it to your Board particular scrutiny that all probability of impolitic or over taxation may be avoided in extending the same rates

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and forms to the talooks. Of course your Board will keep in mind that the rates may be hereafter increased, if the prosperity of trade should warrant such a measure. In fusly 1211, when the country first came under the British rule, merchants and traders within the Fort were few in number, and their gains great; now traffic to some small degree is carried on in every caste, and almost in every house the fort is full of traffickers, and their gains are small in proportion as their traffic is divided amongst numbers; hence the former rates appear to me oppressively high; neither can I discover the data on which they were levied, nor the cause that led to the favor shewn to the late untaxed classes.

My present proposition is founded on the old rates, consideration of the rates in the adjoining districts; & the information, suggestions and objections of the merchants of the Fort, reduced to form by a Punchayet formed by me most able cucherry servants, and the Tahsildar of the talook of Maudaeolum; and the result of their deliberation is shewn in the three accompanying statements No. 1 2 & 3.

No. 1. Of the rates at which it is proposed to levy the Veerabuddy and Moturpha tax.

No. 2. Particulars of the Veerabuddy tax, as proposed to be levied in the Fort of Madura.

No. 3. do. do. of the Moturpha.

6. No. 3. Shews at one view the payers, the rate & aggregate of the moturpha taxes, as collected in fusly 1211; as proposed in 1238; and as now proposed.

The aggregate of 1211 was Rupees 6491; that propos

for 1230 was leviable from the same class of payers, at the same rates, and amounted to Rupees 12930; rather more than double the former tax, consequent on increased number of payers. The amount of the tax now proposed is only Rupees 10633, and is leviable from similar number of the same payers as in 1230, and a variety of additional payers, at a considerably reduced rate. Three classes, however, who paid in 1214, and were proposed as payers in 1238, are excluded from the present proposition. they were mat looms, of which none now exist, and taxes on bullocks and upon cattle tenders, the two last of which I have transferred to the proposed Veesabuddy Statement -

7- In the house tax of the fort of Madura I have endeavored to avoid the slightest appearance of partiality, including alike the houses of Bramins, public Servants, merchants and all others; but in my instructions to the talooks I have directed the careful exclusion of the houses of Cultivating Ryots, & their dependents, & tho' I do not now trouble you with the details, I beg to assure you I have taken great precautions that this privilege should not be abused -

8- Statement No. 3 shews the aggregate of the Veesabuddy for the Fort of Madura at R. 4580 - It is a novel tax in this part of the country, and, to my mind, one of a most inquisitorial and unpolitic nature, one likely to add to demoralization of character. one that cannot be levied with any confidence in its

justice

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justice and impartiality - and one that I fear will only be suffered when the data are taken beyond doubt within the truth, and when the per Centage on such calculation is light. - If this Veeratuddy be added to the now proposed Moturpha, the united tax for Madura fort will exceed that proposed in Fusly 1238 by Rs 2275 -

From 1st proposal 15313
Fusly 1238 13038
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The mode adopted to calculate the profits of trade was to call upon the merchant for his own account of them and correct it by consideration of the style of living and number of paid dependants, and to fix the tax at 5 per cent of the profits on the calculation thus attained -

9 - If these taxes be imposed in the Govt. lands of this district policy commands that they should equally be imposed on the Zemindaries; and I have accordingly issued similar forms to those I have fixed for this district to the Zemindaries of Ramnad, and Shevagunga. In the former the manager wishes the tax should be extended to the cultivating Ryot, as was formerly the practice, a proposition which I deem most objectionable, but still think it my duty to bring to your notice -

10 - I must beg your Board to take into your consideration 1st if you determine to impose these taxes on the Zemindaries - 2d If you will abandon their profits and collections to the proprietors, or leaving them a commutation in form of a reduced peshkush, collect them

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by your own officers. - 3. In event of the latter determi-
-nation, will you fix the Commutation to Ramnad
at Rupees 1744, according to the accounts of Fusly 1211?
and those of Shevagunga at Rupees 3861, the rate
at which you lately paid his claims for arrears? or
will you have a new rate of commutation according
to the expected increase of Mohturpha & Veerabuddy col-
lections? -

4th. In the same event what means do you
propose for the collection thro' your own Officers? will
it be advisable to resume the police entirely in the two
Zemindaries, and levy the Collections thro' the Police
Officers? a measure equally desirable in itself & entail-
ing great expense on Government, for an inefficient police
on its resumption, is very greatly to be deprecated. 5th.
Will it not at the same time be desirable to consider
the claims of Ramnad to reimbursement of arrears of
Mohturpha, similarly to that restored, last year, to
Shevagunga at this same juncture? - it is a claim con-
tinually urged upon me verbally by the Manager.

11. Looking upon the resumption of the Zemy
police as worthy of consideration on the score of economy
in conjunction with this question of imposition of the
Veerabuddy and Mohturpha taxes, and looking upon
the Settlement of the old claims of Ramnad to com-
pensation as essentially desirable before re-imposition
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of the tax, I hope you will pardon my calling your attention to them in the event of your deeming them foreign to the direct subject -

12. Having suggested the propriety of resuming the police in the Zemindaries of Ramnad & Shevagunga, and collecting the Veerabuddy, Moturspha and Sayer taxes, thro' the police Officers, it becomes incumbent on me to furnish you with an outline of the expense that will attend the measure. In the event of your approval of the suggestion some slight modification of detail may hereafter be found necessary -

13. The two Zemindaries comprise 30 revenue talooks, 2 Devastanom revenue talooks, and would, I deem, require 4 Police Ameens, on a monthly pay of 40 rupees each. To each Ameen two Royasoms, on a salary of 12 & 8¾ rupees respectively, 1 Duff. at 7 Rups. 40 peons at Rupees 4-6 ar. each, and 10 Rs for Sadervared. Total of establishment Rupees 12132: and on the introduction of this measure might be reduced the two Sayer Ameens with their Royasoms and peons at a present annual expense of Rupees 2580, & the temporarily employed Police Darogah & Royasoms at the annual expense of Rupees 720. Total Rupees 3300 -

Proposed new Establishment Rupees -	12,132 -
Proposed reduction -	3300 -
Net increased annual expense -	8832 -

Madura }
26 January 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collector

To

No. 14

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward the Statement of Collections of Sea Customs prepared in Accordance to the form transmitted with your letter of the 15 Ulto. received 1st instant. The Statements of land Custom Collections are under preparation and will be forwarded when Completed.

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collector

Madura
25th January 1837

No. 15

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

The annexed statement shows the value of various articles that are collected by authority of the Tahsildars, when required, at the different religious ceremonies, without being paid for.

There is no authority but custom for the exaction; there is no complaint against the exaction, but the articles could not be collected without the authority of the Tahsildars, and they are collected only from Davastanom villages.

The principle seems to me so very objectionable, and leaves so great an opening to abuse, that I cannot resist recommending its discontinuance & the payment from the pagoda funds of all articles usually required at the festivals.

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collector

Madura
25th Jany. 1837

No. 16

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated the 23rd Ultimo I have the honor to Annex a Memo: of the Arrears of pension due to Pareyamoyataven, son of the late Shadamoyataven

Madura
6th Feby 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

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Memo: of Arrears of Pension due to Pareya Moyataven, Son of the late Shadamoyataven, Poligar prisoner, who returned from Prince of Wales Island. –

Amount of Pension from 11th October 1825 to 28 July 1828 being 33 Months & 10 days @ 30 Rupees per Mth. Rs. 1000

No. 17

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

With reference to my letter of the 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward statement of land Customs prepared in accordance to the form transmitted with your Circular of the 15 December, received 1st January. –

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Madura
8th February 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 10

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Shaik Ibraim, Hogour Deloyet, No. 10, was dismissed by me for abstracting from a Purse of money

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sent in his charge, for the repair of the Tondy road, 2½ Rupees, which amount was found upon him, and for continual habit of drunkenness. I am informed he has gone towards the Presidency from Tondy, taking his Badge with him to prefer a complaint to your Board; - should he make his appearance I request his Badge may be taken and sent to my Office.

by Tappal -

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collector

Madura 9. Feby. 1837 -

No. 19

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I have, this minute, recd. your Circular of the 2d. Instt. requiring other accounts in lieu of those called for on the 15 December, under a supposition that there would be difficulty or delay in despatching those relative to the land customs: As, however, that account was despatched by me on the 8. Instant, I shall take no further steps in preparing the accounts now called for unless I am favored with your renewed instructions -

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collector

Madura
10. February 1837.

No. 21

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

With reference to the Extract of Minutes of Consultation under date the 8th. November, I have the honor to forward a Statement of Works performed by

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the poorer classes of ryots up to the end of last month, and to state that every precaution has been taken to prevent abuse in the outlay, by paying them on goontahs (which has been a great relief to them) mostly at 6 pice, the regulated rate of this District, and in some places at 9 and 12 pice -

As the ordinary repairs of this year have commenced, I have directed the Tasildars to employ them in these works in future -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura }
11 February 1837. }

No. 21.

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by the 9th Ulto. of 3 packages of cotton seed, which I was led to expect from your Circular of the 4th (received 29th) December -

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As the sowing season had long passed, I have taken pains to secure it as fresh as possible for the next.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura }
11th February 1837 }

No. 22.

To The President and Members.
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Sundry charges required for the Davastanams, I request sanction for the amount being defrayed from their respective surplus funds. -

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 11 Feby 1837 -

No. 23.

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revᵉ.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen, I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last Month for the following statements -

Goods Confiscated
Salt Confiscated.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princˡ. Collector

Madura
11th February 1837.

No. 24

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revᵉ.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 In reply to your letter of the 9 Instᵗ. I beg to apologize, on the score of oversight, for the insufficiency of the explanation offered in my account particular of the 29th December, for rewards paid for apprehension of offenders -

2. Your Board seem to think the Regulations only authorize a magistrate to grant 10 rupees for the apprehension of an accomplice in any case of heinous crime, whereas I am aware of no restriction or modification of Section XXI of Regulation IX of 1816, which authorizes the grant of 20 rupees -

3- The objectionable charges are rewards of 20 rupees each for two accomplices in a serious burglary committed by a considerable gang. The proclaimed offer of

of reward bears the signature of one of my late assistants, Mr Silver, acting under my immediate orders, but whether I verbally instructed him to offer the reward authorized by the Regulations or specified 25 rupees for each accomplice, I am by no means recollect, tho' from my usual habits I imagine my instructions must have been under the former mode. - I by no means wish to deny my responsibility to pay the overcharge of five rupees in each of the above cases, and only mention the circumstances that the Government may not attribute greater carelessness to me than I am justly liable to. -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
14th February 1837

No. 25

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

In answer to your letter of the 6th / recd. yesterday / on the subject of an advance of 500 Rupees made for the cultivation of land in Syempully talook in 1832, I have the honor to forward originals and translates of the R documents throwing the principal light on the transaction -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
Kolavundan
15 February 1837

No. 13.

To The Tahsildar of Syempully Talook

Enclosed is the Proposal of Allenghyem Vailoomoney Naicken & - others from the district of Coimbettore, that

that if an advance of 500 Rupees be made for building Houses for themselves, and their dependants, at Thenpalay Village; and if 130 Coolies of Punjah, and 120 Cauries of Nunjah be given them on favorable rent, they will level the lands at their own expense, and bring them under cultivation, and pay to Government 2000 rupees a year; you are hereby directed to prepare and forward a Statement specifying the spot, said assessment, and the period it has been waste, together with the other documents required by the Proclamation issued for granting Cowle.-- you will grant them cowle, and cause them to cultivate the lands:-- you will also, forward a list shewing the amount of advance required by each individual to build houses at Thenpalary on taking competent security from them.-

(Signed) A. Vivaash

6th October 1832.-

Princl. Collector

No. 2 To Do. Do.

With reference to the order of the 6th instant directing you to forward a Statement of advance required by Vailoomany Naicken and others, from Coimbatore, for building houses at Thenpalary, and cultivating cowle lands, an order has been issued to the Cash Keeper to pay you 500 rupees:- accordingly you will send your receipt, and get money from the Treasury, and forward a list of advance required by each individual for building according to the former order on taking Competent security from them, and then make arrangements for their cultivating the lands on paying

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the advance and taking bonds &ca from each individual:

(Signed) A Veerash
Princl. Collector

11th October 1832.

(True translates)

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 3

To the Company

Bond Executed by Vailoomany Naicken, Comarasawmy Naicken Vailapa Naicken, Nenyathaven and Permaul Naicken, inhabitants of Allingom Village, dated 18th November 1832.

As we, and our ryots, are come to found a new village in Shenpalany, and Cultivate, we have, agreeably to the Collectors orders, received from the Talook Treasury an advance of 450, out of the 500, rupees, promised to us, which said sum we, and our ryots, have received; we will not only carry on the Cultivation, but repay the advance according to the stipulations fixed on this amount, & the remaining 50 rupees which we are hereafter to receive; we will tender, before the 30 instant, resident inhabitants of Palany as security, and furnish a list of the persons who have participated in the advance with us. This with our free will and consent we Execute this bond.

(Signed) Vailoomany Naicker
" Permaul Naicker
" Comarasawmy Naicker
" Vailapa Naicker
" Nenja Thaven

all these signatures are in the hand writing of the first mentioned person.

Witnesses
(Sigd.) Anantyen
" Comar Acharee

(True Translate)

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Translation

Translation of an address from Dhondoorao Acting Tasildar of Jymputty dated 8th September 1833.

The order, No 102, dated 31st August observes that the remarks in the Statement of Tuccavy balance of rupees 505 for Fusly 1242, are not satisfactory, and asking why, if the advance was made upon security, I did not demand it from the securities, and threatening me, if the Balance was not collected within 10 days, with your displeasure.

Last year an order was issued to grant Vailoo Manegaren 500 rupees in advance for erecting houses in Shenpalany, on competent security: but without obtaining security, rupees 450 was paid to him, on the 18th November 1832; since my taking charge of this Talook, in January 1833, the man came and asked me to pay him the remaining 50 rupees, but being aware that the former amount was paid without security I pressed him to bring security & he brought Tumba Goorpel & 3 others, when I paid him the remaining 50 rupees, but as I was engaged in the Settlement, I had no time to ascertain their Competency: but sought to do so immediately after, when I found that part of the houses and property was Mortgaged and part attached by the Zillah Court; as I could not admit the Competency, I demanded repayment of the advance from Vailoo Manegaren who promised to pay it from the Current year's advance of 500 Rupees which had been ordered to be paid to him, and entered in the Estimate — as the man had no other property, I thought proper

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to grant him this indulgence on Competent security. but when I proceeded to examine the competency of the securities by public servants, it was found to be involved and far short of the Amt. for which it was required. I then found the necessity of calling upon him for fresh securities, and his own property, on being examined, was found to be no more than 27 Rupees, I therefore placed him under charge of a peon when he effected his escape. I issued a Warrant for his apprehension, & if he fails to make good the balance, I beg to receive your instructions to sell his property, and how to proceed against him for the recovery of the remaining balance.—

(Signed) Dhondoo Row
Acting Tahsildar

(True translate)

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Translation of a Deposition given by Seenevassrow, son of Sashagherry row, Shoozoomdar of the Tympully Talook, on the 22d Feby 1834.—

Q. Did you make an advance to Vailoomany Manegar after taking security from him, or before, according to a note sent to you by Vencataveerdiengar, Tahsildar?

A. I made the advance on the verbal orders of the said Tahsildar, who then told me he would take security from them in Novr.

Q. What do you mean by the bond now produced here?

A. I made the advance to the ryots after taking a bond from them according to the orders of the late Tahsildar.

Q. To how many people did you pay the money, & from how many of them did you take a bond?

A. A bond was made out in the name of 5 persons but

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Vailoo Manegarun affixed all the signatures himself

Q. In the list you have produced 300 rupees appear to have been given to 6 persons: has that amount been individually distributed?

A. It was not distributed. Vailoo manegarun received the whole amount -

Q. If the amount was paid only to Vailoomanegarun, what made you enter in the accounts the names of 6 persons? -

A. I entered their names as directed by Vailoomanegarun

Q. What is the advantage by entering their names?

A. I entered their names in hopes of collecting the amt. from them.

Q. Did you afterwards demand the money from them?

A. I never saw them

Q. You state that the late Tasildar ordered you to pay Vailoo manegar 450 rupees, if so, why did you make out a bond in the name of 6 persons? and, did they appear before you personally and receive the money?

A. The 6 persons were present, but Vailoomanegarun received the money, and signed the bond.

Q. What made you accept the bond drawn out in the names of 6 persons, whilst the money was paid to only one, who alone signed the bond?

A. I accepted his bond as he told me he was responsible for the others. -

(Sig.) Seenevassrow Mozoomdar

(Sig.) J. Blackburne actg. Collr.

(True translate)

(Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 6

Memo: of the Cultivation by Vailor Manegaurn, according to the abstract of Settlement Accounts for fusly 1242.

No. 237. Vailor Manegaurn. Extent of Cultivation Nunjah Goontahs 01 01/2/16.

Its tax Rupees	301. 15. 2
Deduct remission for withered crops	333 - 7. 7
Balance	40 - 7. 7

(True translation)

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 26

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

The Sub Collector applied to me, under date the 10 Instant, for the appropriation of Rs. 4. 3. 4 from the surplus funds of the Tylney Pagoda, for celebrating the marriages of four dancing girls of its dependent Balamoodum Pagoda, to take place on the 10th instant.

Fearing not to receive your sanction in time, I have given the necessary authority on my own responsibility, as the demand is authorized by long standing custom in every pagoda in the district.

I take the liberty of suggesting you would save yourselves trouble, and perhaps some inconvenience in the pagodas, if you would give me a general authority for all usual charges not exceeding 20 rupees in amount to be reported by one annual statement.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
Sholavendan
15th February 1837

No. 27

To, The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to my letter of the 14th October last, on the subject of the rights of the Ramnad Temples to participate in the Pearl fishery at Manar, I have the honor to state that the Manager of Ramnad has addressed me, on the 16th instant, requesting permission for the usual Maneam Boats of Ramaswaram, Thirpoolanee and Teroowethracoashamungay Temples, being allowed their claims in the approaching pearl fishery. I beg to be favored with your instructions.—

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Vide Bd. letter 30 April 1835.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
20th February 1837

No. 28

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 110 dated 17th Ulto. conveyed in an Extract from your Board's proceedings of the 2d instant, recd. yesterday, I have the honor to state that the practice of receiving the Government share in kind no where prevails in this district.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
20th February 1837

No 29 158 321

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 The caution contained in the last para of your proceedings of the 9th Instant, received yesterday, against publicly agitation of practises which I deemed (it possibly incorrectly) to be abuses, makes it necessary for me to offer some explanation of my conduct -

2 The local charge of the district is entrusted to me - I do not find on the records any notice of the claim of the Zemindar of Shevagunga to sheep & fowls - nor of the pagodas to certain articles free from payment: I deemed them abuses tending to the general deterioration of revenue, and mainly adding to the difficulties of supporting an efficient police - Their suppression in this district was extremely easy -

3 If I had not pointed them out to my superiors, what answer could I give to any Commissioner who may be hereafter sent, who seeing them in the same light that I do (it is true he may not deem them abuses) sh'd ask me "How comes it that being aware of these things "you could have been so far wanting in your duty as to "keep them concealed from the Board of Revenue"?

4 I beg your Board to believe the above were my only motives for the recommendations I ventured to offer. But it becomes now necessary for me to report what I have done, without communication to your Board, fearing you may also see it in a different light to that

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in which I viewed it. When I came to the district I found the practice prevailing to have supplies of firewood, chatties and straw ready for travellers and others in the talook cucherries: and of coolies ready there, and at Mettoos in case they might be required. I deemed it an abuse and discontinued it in to-to. the consequence has been contentment to a very low class of Inhabitants, & improvement to the revenues of the country. If I have done wrong I beg to apologize for my error, & shall at once obey your instructions about them.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura }
20th February 1837 }

No. 30

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward the Certificate of Mr. Harris, of the examination of the balance of Cash remaining in the Treasury of this Collectorate, on this date.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura }
21st February 1837 }

No. 31

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward the Statement of inam lands to be granted to the Nattamgars and Curnums of Ediacottah, alluded to in the

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7th para: of my letter, dated 23d November last, and request your sanction for it.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
21st February 1837.

No. 32

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Board's proceedings of the 23d Ultimo, together with Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 3d Instt. and to state that Writer Appasawmy's pay was increased from 17½ to 21 Rs. and not from 14 to 17½, as therein stated, and as the Civil Auditor is to be furnished with a copy of the sanction, I beg your Board will be pleased to favor me with a revised sanction for rupees 21.

rec. this day

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
21st Feby. 1837

No. 33.

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward an Este. for the Repair of Tanks &ca. in the Villages of Sittanendal, Pareanendal, Soloowadamungalom and Kauckanendal, in the Zemindary of Ramnad, formerly the mortgage property of Bickajeerow, late Cash Keeper, and now under the immediate charge of Government, which enjoys the proceeds, credit being given to Bickajee row for the amount; and as there are no funds available, at present, for the repairs, I request your Board will procure me sanction for the amount,

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Viz.t 947. 5 9, which can be repaid from the future current collections, as the accounts must necessarily be kept separate and clear.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ.l Collector

Madura
24th February 1837.

No. 34.

To, The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

No. 1-2-3. English and Marattah

I have the honor to forward the originals of the land Custom accounts, transmitted to the Custom Committee, in Bengal, as directed in your letter of the 20th instant, this minute received.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ.l Collector

Madura
25th February, 1837.

No. 35.

To, The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

A boundary dispute between the cutbah village of the Thenkunay talook, and Ahamalay a village of the Bodynaicknoor Zemindary, was fully settled some time ago; but the losing party affected to doubt whether certain portions of it was awarded to the opposite village:- The land was attached & rupees 05. 3. 0, collected for fusly 1245, was credited in the public accounts for November last. By the adjustment of the secondary dispute rupees 15. 8. 0.

is proved to be the due of the Zemindar, and I request you will be so good as to procure me sanction for its payment.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
25 February 1837

No. 36

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Having no salt rowanahs remaining in hand, I have the honor to request that my Indent forwarded on the 4th January, may be taken into your consideration.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 1st March 1837 -

No. 37

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Sundry charges required for the Davastanoms, &c. request sanction for the amount being defrayed from their respective surplus funds -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 2d March 1837 -

No. 38.

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

With reference to the badness of the season, I have the honor to request your Instructions whether to enforce at once Regulation XXVII of 1802 against Zemindars defaulting in part or wholly; or if you

you wish me to grant them indulgence; and in the latter case to what extent of time, and what portion of the whole Kist:- There is at this moment a balance of 23,500 against Sheevagunga; and the smaller Zemindaries are falling into arrears, which I doubt not will increase with each Kist.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 4 March 1837.

No. 39

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revue.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to state that no salt was seized nor Confiscated in last Month.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 7 March 1837

No. 41

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revue.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

In obedience to instructions of the 2d instant, received yesterday, I have the honor to forward Original and translate of the Statement of Revenue derived to the Temples from the pearl fisheries of Manar and Tutacorin, alluded to in the address of the Manager of the Ramnad Zemindary of the 13 October 1836, and to state that I think Rupees 5700, being the average revenue of the last 3 years fisheries, will be a fair Compensation, in lieu of the right of Employing Boats under the Ceylon Government.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 9 March 1837.

No. 42 | 161 | 327

To The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 8th November, I have the honor to forward a statement of Works per- formed by the poorer classes of ryots, up to the end of last Month; and to state that every precaution continue to be made to prevent abuse in the outlay.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 11 March 1837.—

No. 43

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Rev.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

With reference to the Extract of your Boards Proceedings, under date the 9th instant, (received yesterday,) I have the honor to state that Pareyamoya- taven's father died on the 11th October 1825, & his pension was charged in the public accounts up to the end of that Month, and as no order was issued to the Treasury specifying the date of his death the amount was kept in deposit, and subsequently absorbed in the Embezzle- ments of the Madura Treasury. I therefore recommend payment of the pension from the 11th October 1825, from which date Pareyamoyataven seems entitled to draw it.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 15 March 1837.—

No. 44

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

1. In reply to your proceedings of the

9th Instant (received the day before yesterday) I beg leave to recommend the immediate temporary sequestration of the Shevagunga Zemindary, as from its deep involvements and the anxiety attendant on its still undetermined right of possession, the proprietor is quite unequal to do it justice. I also beg leave to recommend the assumption of the Vellia:coondum estate, which has again fallen into arrears, tho' only restored to the proprietor in August last.

Rupees 4371/2

2. The Ramnad Zemindary is not yet in arrears, but I fancy will hardly be able to meet the demands of the coming kist. I would recommend the Government to be satisfied with the collection of one moiety, of the demand in each of the coming kists, each moiety repayable with the corresponding kist of the coming year. There is no ultimate fear for the recovery of the amount as the Manager is a prudent man, well inclined to discharge his just debts, and as there is, moreover, in the Company's funds money to the amount of Rupees 27493, payable to the heiress on her coming of age.

3. I would recommend a discretionary power should be granted me to suspend the demand against all the other estates to an extent not exceeding 20,000 Rupees in all, at the end of the kists, the same repayable with the corresponding kist of the coming year.

4. In excuse for my not having offered a specific recommendation in my letter of the 9th Instant it was because the Regulations point out any way clearly to assume when arrears fall. and because

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being myself, on general principles, entirely averse to allowing debts to increase, I was merely desirous of ascertaining your Board's sentiments as a general guide, before I entered into particulars which might have been deemed superfluous.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
16th March 1837

No. 45

To, The President & Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. Agreeably to Section 4 Regulation XXVII of 1802 I issued notice of attachment against the " " " Zemindar of Shevagunga for an arrears of Rs. 23500 on the 1st Instant.

2. This day 10000 Rupees has been paid, but the March kist of 52500 Rupees fell due on the 12th of which no part is paid, tho' I must apprize your Board that I never expect, or am in the habit of receiving the kists of the 12th till the 25th of the same Month.— I beg leave to request your approbation of the attachment, and sanction for the Mohun Zabtah, which accompanied my letter of the 18th July last.— I purpose enforcing the attachment, unless I receive your instructions to the contrary, on the 5 proximo.

3. The statement required by your Circular letter of the 28th March last is also forwarded.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 17 March 1837.—

No. 46

To, The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, yesterday, of your letter of the 16 instant, and

Rate according to tree tax 5. 4. 10.
Do Do garden tax 2. 4. 9
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and to state the Cowlenamah granted by Mr. Peter to Petitioner in No. 032 of 1836, neither being in accordance with the terms there generally granted, nor duly sanctioned, the trees were taxed as they became productive in Fusly 1245; but I would recommend that Garden rate, in lieu of tax on trees, should be collected from Petitioner, according to your instructions of the 17th September, being on similar land, on the banks of the Vighey. It has always been usual in this district to collect land tax up to the year the trees became productive, when it was changed to tree tax.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
23d March 1837

No. 47

To The President & Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward an Account particulars of the sums disbursed & remaining to be paid for the purchase, and Carriage, of Weights and Measures forwarded to the Board, as directed in your letter of the 13th instant No. 20.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
25th March 1837.

No. 48.

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive, this day, your letter of the 20th instant, complaining of my inattention to your instructions of the 27th June; and in answer beg to assure you I forwarded

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an answer to it on the 24th January 18[illegible]
causing enquiry to be made, it does not appear
to have been received, I shall be prepared by return
of post to furnish you with a transcript of it.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
27 March 1837.

No. 49

To, The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 In reply to your proceedings, under
date the 23d Instant, I beg leave to furnish you
with an address, and its translate, from the Zemin
dar of Shevagunga, under date the 16 Instant.

2. Since my last no further sum has
been received on account of his Kists.

3. I have not the least prospect of col
lecting on account of the Kists of this year so much
as the Zemindar proposes to pay, and I very much
regret that you did not fully comprehend this
from the many letters I have had the honor to
address you on the subject.

4 I have deemed it my duty to recom
mend the immediate sequestration of the Zemindary
because of the proprietor's inability to do justice
to the estate, inaptitude to business, extravagance,
repeated failure to keep his engagement; the
increasing deterioration of the estate, and the cons
increase of difficulty in it's future restoration that
will be imposed on any collector who may have
to undertake the labor, and because no indulgence
you can shew him will have (in my judgement)
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any other effect than the protraction of order & gradual restoration.

5. I hope your Board will not think me disrespectful in venturing to differ with you on your surmise that the charge of collections, of about 34000 rupees, will be an additional one on the estate:- That a charge for the collections must be incurred, whether under the Zemindar or collector, you will no doubt agree- and I will venture to assert (the only proof is in the trial) that a greater sum will be carried into the general treasury & a less sum exacted from the Ryots after deducting the less amount of wages now paid from the amt. of the proposed high Mohin Zabitah, under the proposed than under the present charges of collection; and I will also observe that many of the present incumbents would still be continued in office- none but those who are known, or should prove, to be wanting in trust, would be removed; and with exception of the above assertion I think my former letters will be found to have expressed the same sentiments.

6 Reverting again to your Query if I can collect more within the fusly than the Zemindar proposes to pay, I beg again distinctly to say I have no hopes to realize so much; but it seems to me the only question on this point is, shall the future prosperity of the estate be sacrificed to present exigencies?- But I must also add that even to obtain from the estate what it is well capable of yielding, a very heavy

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outlay will be required from Government for Meen:amut repairs.-

7. Velliacomdum was restored to the proprieta only in August last. The annual peshkush is Rupees 2183.11-8. He has paid only 758; and, in his address of the 6th Instant, he plainly declares he can collect or pay no more.- I do not expect to be able to obtain any thing from the estate this fusly, but there is much greater probability of an early recovery of arrears by attachment, than by leaving it in the proprietor's hands. There will be no additional charge for collection in this small estate, as it wd be done thro' the usual establishment of the talook.-

8. I beg to impress upon you that I have never recommended attachment of an estate that I did not feel convinc'd it was for the benefit of the proprietor, as well as of the Government, whether my judgement on this point is sound or not is for you to determine, but I would not have you think I recommend it from a fondness for the extreme additional trouble. I thereby entail upon myself.-

Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector
28th March 1837.-

Translation of an address from the Zemindar of Shevagunga the Principal Collector of Madura.

Having received the Notice sent thro' the Sayer Ameen, directing me to remit, by the 12th instant, the 3d Kist of 23500 Rupees, I sent directions immediately to my Ameens to dispose of the grain on hand in the different

Villages

Villages and collect the balances; but as the price of grain is fluctuating, I have been able to collect only 10000 Rupees, which I have already remitted to your Treasury: & have directed the remaining balance to be speedily collected and remitted:- In consequence of the failure of rain in the present year, the Cultivation has not been carried to its full extent; and where there has been cultivation, the produce was very scanty, as you must have witness-ed during your tour in the district:- about 3 parts of the produce realized went to pay the persons from whom money was borrow'd to pay the last year's Kists; for my Sibbendy, and personal Expences; by means of the remaining ¼ I have made Arrangements with my Creditors to borrow more money, & together with what I have already remitted to the Treasury, to pay for the Current Kists 160,000 Rs for the present year:- therefore if time be allow'd me to the end of the fusly I will pay the amount and as I am without the means of paying the Anticipated balances in the present year, I beg you will allow the amount to lay over, as was done before in unfavorable years, to be paid in succeeding ones; should you be pleas'd to comply with my request, my Creditors will be encouraged to give me Credit, and I shall have hopes of paying the amount stated in this address: the notice you sent me has not only affected my dignity, but has, in some Measure, enfeebl'd my dealings with my Creditors. As you have always treated me with respect, and know my Circumstances, I

beg

Total Peshkush . . . 262500
Paid up to this time 63,500
Proposed further pay't during fusly 98,500 . . 160000
Proposed balance to stand over . . . 102500

beg you will be pleased to obtain the permission of the Board of Revenue to allow the balances of the present year (exclusive of the above said amount) to lay over to be paid in ensuing years, & thereby prevent obstacles to my prosperity, & that you will not in future issue any more Notices -

(Signed) Moodoovagia Ragoo:
:nada Bothagoorwosaw:
:my Parea Odya Thaver

15 March 1837.
Shevagunga -
(True translate)
(Sig.) J. Blackburne
Princ.l Collector

No. 50.

To The President & Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 0000 Salt Rowanahs, forwarded by Coolies, with your letter of the 13th Instant.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ.l Collector

Madura
30 March 1837 -

No. 51

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

1 I have just had the honor to receive your instructions of the 27 Instant, to endeavor to bring about a satisfactory arrangement between the Zemindar of Shevagunga and Ramon Chitty, who complained to you against him, and against me, in his petition of the 11 February, No. 206 of 1837, "if the complaints against him are well founded" -

2 I have a high respect for the integrity

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the complainant and I believe, from what I have heard there is much justice in his complaint:- but I fear a very laborious investigation into a variety of money transactions of long standing would be necessary to enable me to give an equitable decision on the simple question of resumption of the hypothecated lands.

3. The Zemindar, as shown in the petition, has once declined my intervention & as I have no legal power to act in the case, I beg leave to request you will not insist on my obeying your instructions on this point; if however you persist in your wishes I shall undertake the task with diligence on the day I receive the repetition of your orders.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
30th. March 1837.

Translation of an address from the Zemindar of Shevagunga to the Principal Collector of Madura.-

Your orders of the 16th instant, No. 221, Inclosing a Petition and other documents presented by Ramanadun Chitty and others of Sauttocottah, & directing me to report upon the Circumstances therein set forth, have been received; I beg to inform you that in consequence of loss sustained in decreased Cultivation in fusly 1244, from failure of rain, I borrowed, on account of my Kists, certain sums of money from Ramanadun Chetty and others for which an agreement was made that the produce of fusly 1245 was to answer for this amount, and for part of an old debt.; and should there be any arrears of Kists in that year, they were to pay it & reimburse themselves from the Mortgaged produce of

fusly

Fusly 1246. Accordingly ready money and Paddy was paid, according to the Mortgage bond, & passed in Fusly 1245, and altho' they received over and above the amount yet they did not pay me the arrears of Kists that fell in Fusly 1245, according to their promise, but delayed to fix the price on the grain received by them, and settling accounts, and thereby caused Notice to be issued to me on account of the Annee Month Kist, and have also drawn your displeasure on me. As I had fulfilled my promise, I sent a few respectable people to bring the Chetties & others to me, and on questioning them why they did not pay the balance due to me, according to their Engagements, they Entreated me, to allow some Villages to be rented to them, and some to be Mortgaged, and if I did so, they would lend me money, and that as soon as the present debt was cleared off they would lend me more in the event of any arrears of Kists falling due in Fusly 1246. I proposed to Mortgage some Jewels and offer security, and to rent, and Mortgage a few Mahganoms, but as there would be a delay in making the above Arrangements, and in fixing the price of the grain of Fusly 1245, received by them, & as they objected, fearing that, in the interim, the produce of the proposed Mortgaged Mahganoms would be collected by my people, & remitted to my Treasury, & thereby not available for their Mortgage, requested that the collections might be paid to them, considering the debt must be paid by some means or other, I directed the produce of some of the Mahganoms to be made over

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to them, and received some money and remitted it for my kists: the present year being very unfavorable, & fearing that the Chetties would realise only sufficient to meet their demand on the mortgage bond, & disappoint me as they did the last year in lending me money, & thereby subjecting me anew to your displeasure, I desired them to pass me an agreement promising to lend me more money - some of the Merchants pass'd agreements but as Ramanaden Chitty and others objected I declined to Confirm the rent of the Villages - If the price be fix'd on the grain given them last year, & they include the Amount received from me in the present, there will be but a small balance against me, which can be paid from the surplus proceeds after paying the Govermt. demands, in the present year, or by borrowing money from other persons - I beg to state that if the debt is now to be paid, my kists can'nt be regularly paid: Whilst such is the case, the Chetties have falsely represented to you as if the rent was Confirmed to them, and that my Sumperdy had prevented them receiving the amount Collected from the Naulkottah Mahganoms - The Collections made from the dry Mahaganoms, & other places, should in the first instance go to pay the Government kists, & if any remains, the Petitioners should settle their accounts and receive their balance - I beg to return the Petition.

(Signed) Rajah Moodoorigia
Ragoonada Sethagoo...
Saumy Pareya Odya
Thaver

15th December
1836.
Sivagungah.

(True translate)

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Coll.

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No. 52

To The President & Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your proceedings, under date the 20th Inst., and agreeably to the instructions therein contained, I beg to forward 3 Statements as follows-

	Cawn.	As.	Teerwah		
No. 1 Shewing the land proposed to be granted in lieu of old Maunium become unfit for cultivation					
No. 2 Shewing the land proposed to be granted in addition to parties at present enjoying	118.	10½	194	7	4
No. 3 Shewing the new Mauniums proposed to be granted to parties who had none before	191	9½	491	10.	3
Total	311	10¼	782	2	11
Amount as per former Statet.	319	10¼	801	1	10
Difference	8	"	18	14	11

which sum I was obliged to reduce to give a fair average:- I have already explain'd the reasons in the Statement, submitted with my letter of the 16th November, for granting the lands alluded to in these statements-

The new Manium land which I propose to be granted, is principally for Maddyents in the Teroomungalom Talook where Nunjah has been converted within the last 15 years, & their duties in opening sluices, & securing water in Tanks, are absolutely necessary; the remaining few are for Toties and Tundals, whose services also are very necessary- I am unable to enter the services

of

of Emoluments enjoy'd by these class's of Servants as the Village accounts do not specify them: the Meras or Sotundrams are paid at the option of the ryots, and cannt be claim'd as matter of right.

The lands I now recommend as Maniem are all old waste with the exception of Cawnies 15. 13.. which is recommended because there is none of older date in the villages.

In answer to para 5 of your proceedings, I beg to state that there is no certain fix'd rule for remunerating Village Officers, but that it varies extremely, and most of the Maniems appear to have been granted before the assumption of the country; I beg to forward a Talookwar percentage of maniem to the Village officers, on the average of 3 years, being the present proposed remuneration being fair I cannt with propriety reduce it lower.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura.
31st March 1837.

No. 53.

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to report that some of the inhabitants of the Manaloor hills, in the Nellacottah Zemindary, propose to prepare 10 Gardens of Cardamoms if an advance of 100 Rs. be made them, repayable in Fusly 1247, which they expect would produce 50 Tolams of Carda-

moms

Cardamoms in fusly 1251 and 100 Tolamsin 1252,
I, therefore, request your Board will be pleased
to sanction the advance, as the object is advantage
-ous to Government, and good security will be
taken for the recovery of the amount.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
1st April 1837.—

No. 54

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revd.
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

As required by your letter of the
20th January, (received 5th March,) I have the honor
to forward a Memo: of English and Tamul Regu-
lations deficient, and those required for the Public
service— also a list shewing the Regulations returnd,
as not required in this district.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
3d April 1837

No. 55

To The President and Members
of the B. of Revd.
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward an
Estimate of Sundry charges required for the Devasta-
noms, and request sanction for the amount being de-
frayed from their respective surplus funds.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
5th April
1837.

No. 56

To, The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In forwarding the enclosed copy of a letter from the Sub Collector for your Instructions, I beg leave to inform you the provision for cancelling the sayer rents at a two months notice had a very injurious effect on their sale; yet, in consideration of the bad season that we have had, it has not been in the least injurious to the Interests of the Company in its final results. –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
5th April 1837

No. 57

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements –

Quarterly return of Revenue Defaulters confin'd in the Jail up to 31 March 1837 –
Report of Casualties and Revenue Defaulters released up to Ditto
Monthly return of Persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822.
Goods Confiscated
Salt Confiscated –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
7th April 1837

No. 58 169 343

To, The President and Members
of the Board of Revue.
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, this day, of the extracts from your proceedings under date the 17 Ultmo., together with the correspondence with Government, and have pleasure in assuring you the Tuccavee made to Vailoomaney Manigar in Feb 1242, is an isolated case as you will be aware if you will take the trouble to look at the state of all the Tuccavee balances. no other advances were made to the man than what I have already reported. and the whole transaction took place long before I was entrusted with the charge of the collectorate –

2 Many months ago I reported on the particulars of this case to the late Governor thro' his private Secretary, in consequence of a petition presented to him. –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Shevagunga
9 April 1837

No. 59

To, The President and Members
of the Board of Revue.
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

Annayee row, the Tasildar of Thenkunay, having completed the erection of a Chuttrom, at a Cost of 715. 11. 6. Rupees, at Alligapoorz in the limits of Davadanputtz, as authorized in your letter of the 12th September last, I have the honor to

request

request you will be good enough to obtain sanction for a grant of 10 3½/16 Cawnies of 35 years Nunjah Waste, assessed at C. Chs. 28. 2. 13 1½/16 at, equal to 60 Rupees per annum. Besides the above cost, the Tasildar has nearly completed a Well and Pond, & has promised to furnish me with a Statement of cost when completed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura.
Calliacovil 13th April
1837

No. 60

To The President and Members
of the B. of Revᵉ
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Soobbah Naicken, Merchant of Dindigul, purchased a heap of salt of last years produce, in the Ogundancoody Pan last Month, for 1000 Rupees, deducting 5 Rs per each garce, and claims a remission of 146 Mercals, which he states was found deficient on Measuring it - no sale by Measurement was made, according to the Rules, in presence of Government servants - the percentage of Wastage for the other heaps of the same platform, agreeably to para 37 of the salt rules, is 100 Mercals as shewn in the statement inclosed in my letter of the 30th December last - and if you think the Petitioner's claim to remission to that extent valid, I beg you will be good enough to procure

procure me sanction to repay the Merchant Rupees 25, the Value of 100 Mercals, and I beg to recommend it, as being inclined to believe the justice of his petition – Had the application been made before the money had been carried to account, I should have deemed myself at liberty to have made it myself

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 21 April 1837 –

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To, The President and Members
of the Board of Revue.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to your proceedings of the 22d August last, I have the honor to report for your information, the recent visit of the Manager of Ramnad to Ramaswaram, and the receipt, on his return, of addresses from him and the Pundarum of Ramaiswaram, reporting their reconciliation, & request that the latter might be re-intrusted with his legitimate rights, which I had accordingly the pleasure to accede to on the 17 Instant.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector.

Madura 22d Apl. 1837 –

No. 62

To, The President and Members
of the Board of Revue.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to return Petition No. 302 of 1837, received with your letter of the 13th Instant, and beg to inform you Sulleparandy is 4 English Miles from Dindigul, on the great road to Trichinopoly; from

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thence to Vadamadura is 6 english miles; and I beg to inform you a Chuttrem for travellers is so much wanted in that route that I have made several fruitless attempts to encourage the erection of one at the latter place, which would have come distinctly within the rules for a grant of land for its support and preservation. The present Chuttrom at Mullepaudy is situated in the thoroughfare street, as I am told, and is substantial, tho' not of that convenient class wh. I still hope hereafter to recommend for Vadamadura, and it is supposed an outlay of 200 Rupees would, with the annual allowance of 118. 6 3 Rupees in land render it a very useful accomodation for travellers in a road where such conveniences are very greatly required, wh. abundant means for its maintenance and that of the unfortunate Shrotiumdars (see para 30 of my report of the 25 August 1834.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura }
22 April 1837 }

No. 63

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revue.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 8 November last, I have the honor to forward a Statement of Works performed by the poorer classes of Ryots up to the end of last Month and to state that

Rs. 2900. 13. 0.

every

very precaution was taken to prevent abuse in the outlay -

(Signed) S Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
25th April 1837

No. 64.

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

1. With reference to your letter of the 27 Ultimo, received on the 4th Instant, I beg leave to observe that you have finally directed the immediate attachment of the Zemindary of Sheevgunga, to secure the arrears of Peshcush, because the Sudder Udalut have awarded it away from the present proprietor, yet you have omitted to procure me sanction for the entertainment of the establishment (including police) necessary to carry your instructions into effect; at the same time that I request your consideration on this point I beg to inform you I shall not fail tomorrow to carry your orders into effect in however an imperfect manner.

2. Had the actual proprietor's right not been impugned I had purposed recommending the setting aside of 2,000 Rupees per mensem for the maintenance of his dignity and dependents. I must now request you will be so good as to fix yourselves the amount, if any, of the sum that should be appropriated for his maintenance, but at the same time, I think it my duty to propose that Rs. 700 per mensem should be awarded to the claimant successful with the Sudder Udalut, and 700 Rs.

to

to the about to be ejected proprietor.

If you ask why I would have recommended 2000 to the present proprietor had he been left in undoubted proprietorship, and only 700 now that his claim is in jeopardy, it is because from these very circumstances his present habits of wasteful extravagance should be immediately checked, whatever may be the final result.

3. The landed property of the Davastanoms and chettrums of Shevagunga, now under the superintendence of the proprietor, amounts to about Rupees 1,20000; fearing to offer any opinion on this subject I request your instructions whether to take the collection of their revenues into my own charge or not.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
9th May 1837

No. 66.

To, The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revo.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statemements.

Goods Confiscated.
Salt Confiscated.
Returns of Persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector.

Madura
10th May 1837.

No. 67.

To, The President and Members
to the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. On the 7th January 1836 you gave

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the sanction I requested on the 30th November previously for the appropriation, from the Funds of the Meenachee pagoda, of 1000 Rupees for the reconstruction of the Myhay Mundapum in the Theppacolum, on condition that Ramon Chitty abided by his agreement to pay the other 3000 Rupees of the estimate; 1000 Rupees had already been subscribed by that merchant, but had been embezzled in the time of the late Mr. Peter.

2. It being in dispute between the Zemindar of Shevagunga and the merchant whether the 1000 Rupees had been originally subscribed by the latter on his own account, or on account of the Zemindar, the merchant declined receiving back the money or undertaking the work.

3. According to your Boards recommendation the Government sanctioned amongst other sums in settlement of the great embezzlement accounts, on the 27th August 1836, the repayment of this 1000 Rupees to Ramon Chitty, who still declining to receive it, it will be expended for the purpose for which it was originally given.

4. The Superintendent and officers of the Meenatchee pagoda again request that the reconstruction of the Myhay Mundapum may be undertaken on the estimate of Rupees 4000, furnished with my letter of the 30th November 1835, from the surplus funds of the Meenatchee pagoda, amounting at present to Rups. 27036, and on which pagoda it so intimately depends as to be a legitimate object for the application of its funds.

As the estimate made in 1835 was for reconstruction it will be found equally sufficient now tho' the building gradually becomes more dangerous, and tho' no human life has been lost since my letter, its insecurity may be judged of from the circumstance of a pea hen having been killed on her nest in the interior, after several days sitting, by the fall of a part of the building upon her.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 11th May 1837

No. 60.

To, The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that no one has been suspended or dismissed under the provisions of Section VII Regulation VI of 1831 during last Month.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
12th May 1837.

No. 69.

To, The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

1. I hope you will not set it down to disrespect that I decline to make the recommendation called for in your proceedings of the 4th Instant, recd. yesterday, from which I consider myself precluded by the standing orders for recommending grants of land for the support of Chettrums; I am besides at a loss how to recommend the Government to lay out money in the repair of a building which the proprietor has the right to dispose of by sale the next day if he pleases.

2. I believe the object of the Petitioner to your Board, the late Shotrundar of Mullepaur was to insure the continuance of a charity established by his ancestors, and also to obtain somewhat for his own maintenance:- I look upon 60 Company's Rupees per annum, the maximum of Government grants for such purposes, as so barely sufficient that I can never think of recommending the gift of a less amount; and when I consider what the Shrotrundar was, and the loss he sustained in his supposed benefit, I cannot but express how glad I should be to see him receive a similar sum for his own use. When I first brought the circumstances of his estate to your notice, I recommended the reduction of the demand

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upon the estate to such a rate as to leave him a fair prospect of obtaining a surplus from it of 118 Rupees per annum. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
15 May 1837
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No. 70.

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 I have the honor to return petition No. 229 of 1837, and beg leave to inform you the land alluded to in it, was, previous to the assumption of this district, purchased from Bramins by the late Mr. Hughes of Tinnevelly, who again disposed of it, by sale, in fusly 1215, to Auniappah Pillay, the Petnr. - He paid only 3/4 of the proper tax till fusly 1244, when he was charged with the full assessment under the opinion expressed in the 26 para. of your Proceedings of the 17 September 1835.

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2 The remission of 1/4 of the land tax to Bramins is never extended to other castes by the practise of the country, and was an indulgence granted to them because they are not supposed capable of ploughing &ca. with their own hands. - Lands, once held on the reduced tax by Bramins, pay the full amount when falling into the hands of persons of other castes. - All petitioner's lands were sold for Sayer arrears in last year, and at present he possesses none at all.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

A letter of 19 Aug ... by Gentlemen ... wanting ...

Madura
16 May 1837.

No. 65.

To The President and Members.
of the Bd. of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

1 The day before yesterday I had the honor to receive the extracts from your Proceedings of the 24 Ultimo, calling upon me to amend my

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neglect of a former order to report on the system generally observed in this district in making advances for cultivation &ca. and beg to inform you they are made on the assertion of the respectv Tasildars that they are desirable, & the nominal lists sent by those officers are compared with those given in preceeding years.- If given in moderation the recovery is almost certain as under the instructions of Government it is always deducted from the amount of the 1st Kist.-

2. I take this opportunity to state my own indisposition, to making advances at all, as a general practice; and but that I am unwilling (and unable) to discontinue at once a practice which I think must have degenerated from an originally desirable measure, to a considerable abuse, creating necessity, I should ere this have had the satisfaction of reporting they were no longer necessary, except in years of peculiar distress.- As it is, my reductions have been very gradual as will be apparent from the annexed table of advances made Viz.-.-

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
19 May 1837

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To The President & Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report that the Sayer Ameen's establishment at Shevagunga will be abolished from the 1st of the ensuing month in consequence of the attachment of the Zemindary, whereby the Sayer charges will be reduced by an amount of Rupees 1272 per annum.

Madura
30th May 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 70

To, The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to request that the accompanying proclamation may be published in the Office of the Board of Revenue

Madura
25th May 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
pl. Collector

No. 72

To, The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

All my letters have apprized you of the state of disrepair in which are the tanks and watercourses of Shevagunga:- the moment of assumption is the one at which Marammut works ought to be commenced:- there are no consider:ed estimates in the talooks, no money in the treasury:- I beg strongly to urge upon you the advantage that would accrue to the estate if you would

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procure me early sanction for the discretionary outlay throughout the Zemindary of a sum not exceeding Rupees 5000, without the necessity of estimates to be sent after forms by persons unaccustom'd to them, and thro' the medium of many officers, the inevitable delay in which would prevent advantage being taken of time & season; and be pleased to receive instead only bills of works in the usual form when completed.

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Pl. Collector

Madura
31 May 1837

No. 73

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Sundry charges required for the Davastanoms, and request sanction for the amt. being defrayed from their respective surplus funds.

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collector

Madura
5 June 1837

No. 74

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

On the 26 March, I had the honor to furnish you with an account of sums due to very poor Individuals for weights & measures furnished you but as you have not yet authorized me to pay them, I take the liberty to bring

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bring their case to your consideration

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
6th June 1837

No. 75

To,
The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revl.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

D I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements.

Goods Confiscated
Salt Confiscated
Returns of persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822 -
Report of Persons Suspended & dismissed in Conformity to section VII Regn. VII of 1831 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
6th June 1837

No. 76

To,
The President and Members
of the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 I have the honor to request your instructions if I am to attach, or leave in the hands of actual possessors, villages and lands not included as Inam in the Istimrar accounts, but subsequently made over by different Zemindars as a support for their relations &

R favorite servants - In a former sequestration of Ramnad your opinion was in favor of the

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latter mode of proceeding, see letter of the 22^d January 1818 -

2. The question is now brought to my notice by receipt of the inclosed address accompanied by a translation: and of course I am yet unable to form any idea of the extent of land that may be similarly circumstanced. - (Signed) J. Blackburne Princ^l Collector

Madura
6th June 1827

Translation of an Address from Gavvory Vallaba taver, son of Odyana tavar, Nephew of the late Moodoo Vijea Ragoonauda Gavvory Vellaba Pareya Odya tawer, Zemindar of Shevagungah. -

I beg to inform you that my Ancestors and my self have Continued to enjoy the Village of Padeenettankotay, in Caunoor Talook of Shevagungah, and paid the poorapoo for the Current year into the Cutcherry of the present Zemindar, taken receipts for the same & enjoyed the produce; - I gave the lands on Cowle to some ryots who Cultivated it by drawing water from the Picotahs, and on attempting to reap the Koday produce, according to Custom, the Ameen and Mahganom Manager object to their doing, unless I obtain an order from you, the ryots Complain that they will sustain loss in the produce: when this Zemindary was attached in fusly 1241, on account of arrears, the Authorities interrupted the Enjoyment of the Village, but on

on my Brother representing the Circumstance to the, then Principal Collector, Mr Sweassh, he was pleased to issue an order, on the 10 July 1832, to the head Tasildar, Rystnyam, directing him to release the village, who accordingly issued instructions to the Ameen, & thro' him to the Mahganom Maniegar. As the present Ameen is not aware of the above Circumstance, and the produce exposed to injury, I humbly pray you will be pleased to refer to the records for the order above alluded to, & issue strict orders to the Talook Ameen to permit me to enjoy the Village uninterruptedly according to Custom.

(Signed) Gavoony Vellabatavee

Shevagunga }
30th May 1837 }

(True translate)

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 78.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 8th November last, I have the honor to forward a statement of Works performed by the poorer classes of Ryots upto the end of last Month, and to state that every precaution was taken to prevent abuse in the outlay.

Ct. 3364-15-6.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura Wootumpollom }
18th June 1837. }

No. 79

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In reply to the extract of your proceedings of the 5th Instant, received yesterday, I beg leave to inform you the Collection of the Sayer duties in the Shevagunga Zemindary will, from the Commencement of the ensuing fusly, be entrusted to Chokeydars about to be appointed. – For the rents of the present Month and to the end of the fusly, I have good security and money in deposit in the treasury, so that there seems no need to continue any expense on account of them to Government.

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura Woottampolliam }
17th June 1837

No. 80.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward revised Statements, as required by your letter of the 12th received on the 20th Instant, for the 3rd quarter's extra tent allowance, and request you will be so good as to obtain sanction for it for 50 days. –

In explanation of the apparent disparity I beg leave to observe that the extra allowance is always charged for the day on which the Tents are sent to be in readiness and for the day of their return, which is in the present quarter, and ordinarily, the day preceding the morning of occupying them, and the day of the morning in which they ceased to be occupied.

It sometimes occurs that 2 or even 3 days will be charged before occupancy, as on having no business in the Stages intermediate to a point where my presence is required, the tents are sent the usual average distance, when I overtake them, whereby I am enabled to carry on my duty at Madura to the last moment.

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura }
26th June 1837

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No. 81 177 359

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 The revenues of the Pylney and Veerapatchee Hills have been derived from a triennial rent which expires with this fusly, amounting to the small sum of Rupees 3231- 3- 4 per annum - The renter resided at Pylney in the low Country, and sub rented them to five head-men. The advantages of this system were the security of the revenue thro' the responsibility of the renter, and the facility of Collection.-

2 The Thandycoody hill, included in the Then-Kurray talook of Dindigul, comprises the subordinate villages or hamlets of Kaumanoor, Punnakadoo & Poollattoor each distant from the other and from the principal village of Thandycoodoo, from four to five Miles.-

3 The yettoor hill, Poombaurey, Vilputty and Veerapatchee are included in the Iyempully Talook, the Veerapatchee rent being entered in a separate account and as in Thandycoody, the triennial rent expires with the current fusly - The yettoor hill comprises the almost adjoining villages of Manavanoor, Kavunghee, Poondeyoor, Palloor, Keelavauray and Cumboor.-

Poombaurey comprises, besides its Cusbah of the same name, the hamlets of Palunghee, Palunpatoor and Kokaul, the distance of which from eachother I have not been able to ascertain with any degree of correctness.-

Vilputty is a single village -- and Veerapatchee comprises Pareyoor, Cunnanoor, Vadacendy, Cauvaloor and Vennabee, with the localities of which I am also entirely unacquainted.-

4 With a view to the amelioration of the condition of the hill Ryots, and to the improvement of their agriculture and to a more correct knowledge of their state and Capabilities, I have, subject to your approbation, conclu-

-ed a rent direct with the head men of four of these hills for one year, at the same rate as was given by the present triennial renter, without demanding any security for the fulfilment of their contracts; & have requested the Sub Collector to make similar arrange-ments with the head man of Veerapatchee:- but do not, for it, delay my present report to ascertain your Boards wishes.-

5. There is not a man on the hills who can keep an account, or communicate written instructions to the Ryots, I would therefore beg you to obtain me sanction for the appointment of five Curnoms, to be sent from the low Country at a monthly pay of 7 Rupees each, with the erection of a House in each principal Cusbah at an estimate of 20 Rupees.

I would further beg sanction for the purchase from the Shevaroy, or Nilgherry, hills, of 35 Cullums of seed barley, supposed about 2/3rd of the whole quan-tity annually sown, and of 20 Cullums of wheat to be distributed to them in a present to enable them to have a fair trial of the change of seed (which) will or will not better their harvest, as they have no idea that their own seed has ever deteriorated or that their crops have ever varied except in dependence in the greater or smaller falls of rain.-

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See Madras Journal for April 1837. page 286.

The Curnams might also be employed to dispose of, on account of Government, at somewhat less than prime cost and carriage free, a few superiorly made implements of agri-culture such as bill hooks, munvetties & pickaxes, and a few beads bracelets looking glasses &c. of the most com-mon description and lowest price - It is desirable that the agricultural instruments should be sold to them under prime Cost, so as to induce them to purchase them in preference to the very inferior articles of this descrip-tion with which they are furnished by the traders.

Do. Do. Pages 286.87.

But I would by no means wish to recommend the

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Government supply should go so far as to deprive the trader of one's article of traffic, but only to instruct the Ryots that better articles are procurable, and not to leave them so entirely as they are at present at the mercy of the trader.

No family is known to rear more than two children and aged people are never met with, - indeed the Inhabitants assert they seldom attain more than the age of 45. This it is to be believed must be owing to want of means of proper clothing and nourishment equally for the old & young, both of whom are unable to maintain themselves, & I would therefore press upon your consideration, & if you approve, request you to fix a rate of premium to be given on every 3d. & 4th. Child attaining the age of one year, the preceding 2 or 3 being still alive; & I would (more for the sake of making a specific suggestion than as having good grounds for my selection) recommend 5 Rupees for the third, and 10 Rupees for the fourth living Child. -

6. The traders of Vilputty, Poombaurey and Yettoor, as also to Thandycoody, are principally inhabitants of Pareacolum, the Cusbah of Thenkurray talook, and of Devadanaputty, about 7 Miles east of Pareacolum: - The ascent of the hills from Devadanaputty is considered the easiest & most convenient of all, and is joined by a shorter cut than going round by Devadanaputty, in the early part of the ascent, by a path from Pareacolum. -

From Devadanaputty to the commencement of the ascent is 4½ Miles (distance all on estimate); thence to Palmalai 5 Miles, which forms the trader's first day's journey; - about 3 Miles before reaching this spot (which is also used as a halting place) the road turns off to Thandecoody & its dependencies, which I understand to be a not difficult second days Journey: - Those bound for Vilputty, Poombaurey & Yettoor arrive the second evening at the foot of the Toovaray Malai, 7¾ Miles, or about half a Mile beyond the deserted village of Shembaganoor; and, if the weather is favorable, the trader will sometimes push on 2¼ Miles further to Vilputty. - The Yettoor trader will the next day finish a long stage of 10 Miles to his destination, having borne away direct

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to the west early in the stage; whilst you reach Coombarey in the direct road across the hills to Pylney, on the northside, in a march of 6½ Miles.—

The traders usually return from the above Villages by the same route, seldom continuing their journey across the hills to Pylney by a gentle descent distant 32½ Miles, and I am not sufficiently acquainted with that portion of the route to offer any observations on it; & my want of information and inexperience respecting the Veerapatchee hill, which is ascended from the Northeast corner, and from the East, is still greater than of this.—

To foot of hills 25 Miles
To Pylney 7½

To facilitate the journeys of the traders I would beg Sanction for the outlay of 100 Rs. for the erection of a shelter for themselves, & a separate one for their cattle, at each of the above named halting places of Palnalay and near Shembaganoor.—

7 And I would also beg the Board to consider if any competent officer can be sent to make a partial survey of the hills, to ascertain if the direction of the road, now looked upon as the most easy, is in fact so, & to point out such partial improvements as should be first taken in hand if Government should approve of a suggestion of Dr. Wights that the whole revenue of the hills should from year to year be laid out in their improvement.—

See Madras Journal for April 1837 here 257.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 26th June 1837.

No. 82

To
The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 On receipt, on the 30th, of your proceedings of the 25th. Ultimo, the sales of the Sayer duties in Dindigul and Ramnad were annulled, & the invitations to bidders for Madura and Shevagunga recalled.—

2 Presuming your orders had no reference to the rents of the abkarry, they have been separately resold in Dindegul and Ramnad, & sold for Madura & Shevagunga. The Marginal Comparative Statement shews a net decrease of Rs. 3424, without including the

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Decrease 3424.

Toddy of Maudacolum, which last year amounted to Rs. 42
and for which I have not yet been able to get any offer th
I can venture to recommend to your acceptance:- The
decrease I think may be fairly attributed to the last
years drought which has greatly curtailed the means of
procuring liquor to the ordinary consumers; and which
has also much reduced the productive powers of the
Cocoanut and Palmira trees; and lastly to the removal
of the Regt. of Sepoys from Dindigul.-

3. I am sorry it has not been in my power
to submit this report with the usual Statements a
an earlier period.- (Signed) J. Blackburn
Madura 26th June 1837. Prinl. Colly.

No. 83.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen, Fort St. George

Anxious to avoid the renewed expression of
Governments disapprobation at the early wearing out
of the brass Marcalls for measuring salt, I have
availed myself of the kindness of the Prinl. Collector
of Tanjore in having the 50, for which you favored me
with sanction of the estimate, made up in his collecto-
:rate; & for which I have the honor to forward a Memo-
:randum of the Actual Charges & request you will
obtain me Sanction for the balance of Rs. 65. 9. 10.-
Madura 26th June 1837.- (Signed) J. Blackburn
Prinl. Colly.

No. 84.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen Fort St. George

1.- On the receipt, on the 18th, of your Proceedings
of the 1st Instant, regarding the Succession to the Gunta-
:manaickenoor Pollum, I immediately proceeded to the
Cusba village to enable me to afford your Board
satisfactory information on the points required.-

2. Vallay Ummal, mother of Ram-Kistna Naick,
nephew of the deceased polligar, & whom you have
acknowledged

acknowledged as his successor expressed her readiness to become responsible for the Peshcush from the time of the estate being released from attachment, & leaving present arrears open to future adjustment, which she trusted to be able to do by the aid of Shenkarom Pillay, who had been Karbar under the deceased & his predecessor till shortly before the period at which the estate began to fall into arrears:- Or, she is equally willing the estate should be left in the hands of the Polligar of Dodapanaicknoor, a distant relative; who, also, expressed his willingness to take charge of it on the above conditions, but seemed to be full as well satisfied to leave it with the boy's mother & her Karbar.—

Ramasawmy Naick, the heir presumptive, is also desirous to take charge of the pollum, but to him Vellay Ummal strongly objects on the vain fear that it will induce him to seek to compass her sons' death.—

No security is tendered by any of the parties for their undertaking, and I would, therefore, venture to offer my own opinion that of the three it should rather be surrendered to the Management of the boy's mother, but I would much more strongly recommend the adoption of my suggestion of the 11th May, that the estate be kept under your own direct control in Capacity of Court of Wards; and that an allowance of ten and five rupees a month, be made to the mother of the Minor, and to the widow of the deceased Polligar.—

Madura 27th June 1837.} (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin! Collector

No. 85.

To
The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to request Sanction for repayment of the following Sums being fines remitted to the parties in appeal made against the decision of the Sub Collector of this district.

Fine levied from Chinnapa pillay Curnom of Savoogumpatty in Vellacottah Talook for destroying Cadjan receipts, and Entered in the accounts for January 1837	Rs. a. p. 70 " "
D°. D°. from D°. for Collecting Tax from the Ryots from fusly 1242 to 44 to the amount of Rs. 72. 14. 4 and Entered in the accounts of D°. Rs. 100 ...	
Deduct amount Confirmed in appeal Rs. ... 72:14:4	
Amount to be remitted	27-1-8
Fine levied from Coappia goundan Nattamkar of appeanputty in Iyempully for receiving bribes &c. and Entered in Accounts for Feby. 1837	15 "
D°. levied from Teroomalay Achary, Nattamkar of Hauraputty in Maroongaupoory, for leading Water to his own fields to the injury of other ryots and Entered in the accounts of February 1837 Rs.	3 "
D°. levied from D°. Nattamkar of D°. for not levying the usual fines on stray Cattle	5 "
Total	68-1-8

Madura 27th June 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Coll.

No. 86.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, directing me to Report under what regulation I had passed the Decision in favor of Murdoo Shervagar Vrs. Veeruppen Defendant and to state, that doubtful if I could interfere in the case, I requested you, in my letter of the 19th Novr. to favor me with your opinion, and your answer of the 19th December having directed me to Conform to the provisions of Regulation VI of 1831, and the Plaintiff having Satisfactorily proved his right

the Umbalom Merassy and the land attached to that claim I accordingly passed the Decree in his favor under clause 1st Section 4 of the above Regulation. –

Madura 27th June 1837 – (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

To
No. 87.

The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

1. In your letter of the 5th Instant, received on the 11th, you reprobate my indorsement on Petition No. 1052 of 1836, as an indulgence "in a disrespectful style of observation;" and as you have decided it is such, I will not attempt to maintain it is not, but content myself with asserting that not a shadow of disrespect was intended. –

2. You inform me that under your instructions of the 22d August I ought "to have made special application for authority to refund any sums that might have "been improperly collected from Mahomed Abbas Ally," and direct me now to make the necessary application. – In obedience I have the honor to request you will procure me the Sanction of His Lordship in Council to repay that gentleman the sum of Rs. 66. 12. 6, Collected from him by me in July last, under the directions contained in the 50th para of your Board's proceedings of the 17th September 1835, passed on the recommendation of the then Prin'l Collector Mr. Viveash, of the suggestion of the then Sub Collector, Mr. Wroughton. –

Prin'l Coll'r to the Board 26th June 1832 – Para: 16.
D° D° 28th April 1833. Para 29.

3. In excuse of the ignorance or neglect of duty you point out to me I would fain submit to you whether I might not, on stronger grounds, have laid myself open to your censure for disrespect, if I had, of my own accord, made the present application under the view that I had of the whole transaction Viz't.

Mr. Wroughton suggested an assessment on "

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Sub to Pl. Collr. 1832.
Para:
Pl. Collr. to Board 16th. March 1832. Para 16.
Do. Do. 23d. April 1833.
Para. 29.
Board's Proceeds. 18th. Octr. 1832.
Para. 26.
Do. Do. 20th. June 1833 Para 20.
Pl. Collr. to Board 25th. Augt. 1834.
Para. 32.
Board's Proceedings 17th. September 1835.
Para. 50.

certain piece of land, particularized in a schedule which accompanied his suggestion:- Mr. Viveash strongly supported the suggestion;- your Board pointed out objections and required further explanation.- It fell to me to offer in answer a trifling Mo=dification, which induced your Board to direct me to levy the tax, thus modified, on the land of Mahomed Abbasally.-

Mahomed Abbasally complained of the injustice, —//— or hardship of the Tax .. which had been levied from him and on the 22d. August you communicated to me your order "that he should "be permitted to hold the garden free from the assess=ment introduced in similar lands in Fusly 1245." - Had I not reason to think I had fulfilled my duty when I took measures that no future demand should be made upon him?- Had I not ground to believe from your omission to make your order retrospective, or to favor me with any instructions to refund what had been col=lected, that such refund was neither in your Board's wish nor contemplation?- If then, when your Board had passed over in silence that part of the Complaint that treated of the exaction already inforced, I had pre=sumed to make application for its refund, might I not very probably have received your censure for disrespect?

Madura 27th. June 1837.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No. 88

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. Arnachellom pillay of Pulleapanaicke=noor in Taudicomboo Talook has erected a Chuttrom in the limits of Nuttaputty on the high road leading to the Northward and Westward of Dindigul by permission

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From Dindigul to Caroor

of Mr. Viveash, when Principal Collector of this district at a Cost of 1000. Rupees; and as the proprietor Now solicits the usual Mauneom of 60. Rs. for its support, I request you will be good enough to obtain Sanction for a grant of 78 15/16 Koolies of from 15. to 20. Years Waste assessed at 28. C.Chs. 2 fs. 14 1/15 as. - Equal to 60. Rupees per annum -

2. I trust your Board will overlook the informality of not having procured your Sanction for the undertaking originally (an over sight which will be carefully guarded against in future) in consideration of the excellence of the building and great eligibility of the Spot. - It is 20. Miles north of Dindigul and a plan of the building is herewith forwarded. -

Madura 28th. June 1837. - (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 89

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

1. Soobramoneya pillay of Seelimputty in the Talook of Then Kurray proposes to erect a Chuttrum there at a Cost of Rs. 500.

2. Seelimputty is 20 Miles South of Pareacolum Situated on the grand avenue road, thro' the Pareacolum and Cumbum valley, and is 6. Miles north of the large Village of Woottumpollum which is also 6. Miles north of Cumbum. - It is a frequented high road into Travancore the situation is entirely within the standard rules, and will be a most useful and acceptable accomodation for Merchants and travellers. -

3. If your Board will sanction its erection the usual application for Maneum lands will be submitted on completion of the building. -

Madura 28th. June 1837. - (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collector

To

No. 90 182 369

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen, Fort St. George

1.

On the 14th Instant I had the honor to receive your circular of the 22nd Ultimo with its inclosure, desiring to know if the System of pilgrim hunters exists in this collectorate; or if any practise similar to that prevailing in North Arcot, of selling for the benefit of Government, the exclusive right of supplying pilgrims at Triputty, is countenanced:- And further desiring, in allusion to the 10th para: of a letter from the Government of India, the submission of a Memorandum shewing how much of the revenues entered in Col. 2 Statement A. furnished by me (on the 4th of October) forms portion of the Government share assigned as Manium to Pagodas &ca, the management being still retained in the hands of Government, and the revenue included in the Settlement, but deducted afterwards as appropriated.-

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2. I beg leave to inform you the practise of pilgrim hunting is followed by the inhabitants of Rami-swaram, but chiefly with a view to their own profit and with no reference whatever to the revenues of Government - but a rule of the Pagoda prevails that the conveyers of the Ganges waters from Benares, for the service of the idol, must pay a fee of 1. Rupee and four double fanams, previous to being allowed to present it - and this fee is never foregone except in cases of pauperism - the money is divided in fixed portions to the treasury of the Pagoda and to the Stallatars - The worship of the idol is entirely free to every one with exception of the Inhabitants of Travancore, who pay fees, if a Soodra, of three double fanams on the first and 2. fanams on the last day; if of the Pooti, Namboory, Iyer or Tooloovoo Castes, of 2. double fanams on the first and of 1. fanam on the last day:- In addition to which the conductor of the pilgrims of the above description

pays to the Pagoda 3/4 of a fanam on each pilgrim, after deducting 20. per Cent for his own share of the spoil:- and the pilgrim conductors pay annually 100. Rs. to the Pagoda for the priviledge of enjoying what Emoluments they can obtain from all other classes of Pilgrims.- The island of Ramāswaram is gained by crossing the ferry at an almost desert place called Thoney thorai - the exclusive privi=ledge of supplying forage" to, and guarding, the various beasts of burthen &ca. that are necessarily left there, is sold by the Zemindar of Ramnad, and tho' he probably has the right to assume the profits of this sale, such has never been the practise - the revenue thus derived being invariably appropriated to the maintenance of a Chuttrom, patronized by the Zemindars, for the accomodation of pilgrims. The revenue thus derived never swells the income of the Pagoda, nor the treasury of Government.-

3. I am of opinion that the land alluded to in the 3d. para: of your letter is that the revenue of which is entered in Col. 4. of Statement A, which accompanied my letter of the 4th. October - and I beg to submit my opinion that in a purely revenue point of view there can be no difficulty in giving it up to the Pagodas, saddling it with a quit rent equal to the average sums derived to Government since the Mussulman rule, (or relinquishing it altogether if such is deemed proper) for on failure of payment, the land will of course be temporarily resumed for payment of the quit rent with interest:- but one great difficulty has always occurred to me Vizt. in abandoning the lands and revenues to the Pagodas, to whose hands are they to be delivered up? Neither under the Mussulman or pure Hindu Governments was the superintendence of the religion ever left in the hands of Individuals - it was always in the direct care and charge of the state: If then you abandon the revenue, will it not either be necessary to appoint some Individual, or some

some body, to take charge of it, and in that case can your responsibility or interference be said to cease, or will it not rather be only a change of manner of interference?.. Or would you relinquish it to the multitude and call upon them to Elect Trustees and frame laws for the control of their trust, and deliver up the money and lands into their hands?—

4. Since drafting the above, I had three days ago the honor to receive Copy of the 10th. para: of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India dated 25th January last, which leads me to think the inclosed statement may be the information required by it— and that the 3d. para of your letter of the 22d. May has not, as I thought, reference to the revenues included in Col. 4 Statement A. accompanying my letter of the 4th. October last.—

Madura 29th. June 1837.— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collr.

To No. 91.

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward for your consideration the Mohin Zabitah for the Sayer Establishment, prepared in obedience to your instructions of the 25th. May, amounting to Rupees 1589 per mensem, or Rupees 19068 per annum:— It is 8 3/8 per cent of the average Collections of the five last years that the Customs were realized direct by the Collector:— It is 3. per Cent higher than the average Charge of Collection in the same 5. years, Viz.t Rupees 12264 per annum, & is rendered requisite by the fact that in those years the betel & tobacco were only nominally in amany, but in reality were rented by villages: To effect a bonâ fide amany management additional Mettoos are indispensibly requisite to the insurance of the Collections.—

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Madura 3d. July 1837.— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collr.

Despatched 6th.—

No. 92

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Sundry Charges required for the Davastanams and request sanction for the amount being defrayed from their respective surplus funds.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 5th. July 1837.

No. 93

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report that from the sum Entered as recoverable in Col. 16 of the Statement No. 1 forwarded to your Board on the 10th. December 1834, with report on the subject of the Embezzlement in this Treasury, Rupees 8611- 9- 8- have been collected but the remaining

Total 10701-" 3. Rupees 2089. 6. 7, I am sorry to say, I have no hopes of recovering. I beg to forward a Statement, and request you will procure me sanction for striking off the irrecoverable balance of Rupees 1172. 9- 1. from the Accounts, as hereunder mentioned, and for adjusting the other two fresh items which have been since discovered- this will finally adjust the accounts of the Treasury Embezzlements without further trouble to your Board.-

Amount actually realized, but entered in the former Accounts as still to be collected, Rupees.	374- 4- 9
Amount Actually disbursed in the Talooks for correct Items, since discovered, for which sanction is Necessary	542- 8- 9
Irrecoverable Balance	1172- 9- 1
	2089- 6- 7

Madura
6th. July 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

To

To No. 94

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen, Fort St. George

1 It is pretended in a Case before the Civil Court that a letter from your Board in January or February 1799 prohibited the carrying into execution a decree passed by Mr. Hurdis in a Case of the Zemindar of Tawarum Versus Zemindar of Combay, which you had previously recommended to the approbation of Government under date the 18th January 1798.-

2 As the document is of importance and I have not much Confidence that such a document may not have been purloined from the records of this Office, I shall feel much obliged if you will cause an Early search to be made in yours.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 7th July 1837.- Prinl. Collr.

To No. 95

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen, Fort St. George

1 Sashagherry Rao held the situation of Sheristadar in a Sub Collector's Office, and of a Naib Sheristadar, from June 1822 to June 1833, of which seven years were in this collectorate, and four in Trichinopoly, and during the latter period of four years he performed the duties of Head Sheristadar for one year, receiving the full pay of the office under your Boards orders of the 3d November 1831, and came from Trichinopoly as Head Sheristadar of this Collectorate in July 1833:- Thus reckoning his services as Deputy Sheristadar for ten years, and as Head Sheristadar for five years, I beg leave to urge your favorable recommendation of him for the increased salary of Rupees 350 per mensem from the 1st Proximo.

2. I beg to recall to your recollection your

Para. 28. recommendation of this valuable servant of the 24th

Para. 3. October 1836; and of the Minutes of Government of the

28th November. - (Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura } Prin. Coll.

8th July 1837. }

No. 96.

To

The President and Members

of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen, Fort St. George

1. I have the honor to return the slanderous

Petition, No. 600 of 1837 to request you will point out to me

what steps I must take for the discovery of the sender,

the only clue to the seven Thavens being the pretended

country of dispatch, Shevaganga. -

2. The falsification of facts is an internal

evidence of its preparation in my own Cucherry. -

Madura 8th July 1837. - (Signed) J. Blackburne

No. 97 Prin. Collector

To

The President and Members

of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen, Fort St. George

I have the honor to state there are no

returns for the last Month for the following statements

Quarterly return of Revenue Defaulters Confined in the Jail upto 30th June 1837.

Report of Casualties and Revenue Defaulters released upto Do. -

Return of Fines Imposed and Stoppages made from the pay of Public Servants. -

Goods confiscated. - (Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 8th July 1837. Prin. Coll.

To

To
No. 98
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to your Board's proceedings of the 12th. Ultimo I have the honor to forward a Statement of a piece of Alienated land claimed by Gavoory vullaba taver in Shevagungahs.-

Madura 10th. July 1837.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

To
No. 99 (Duplicate)
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an application from my Acting Head Assistant Mr. Harris, for leave of Absence for one Month to proceed to Trichinopoly, on private affairs, and request that his solicitation may be Complied with.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 15th. July 1837.- Prinl. Collector

To
No. 100
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

As I can no where find your Circular Communication of the 12th November 1835, alluded to in your proceedings of the 22d. June, I shall feel greatly obliged by your favouring me with a Copy of it. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.
Madura 17th. July 1837.-

To
No. 101
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In answer to your Circular of the 6th Instant received this day, I beg leave to inform you no dufter band is entertained in this Cucherry - the duties usually imposed on such an officer Viz.t of putting aside the dufters in the evening and laying them ready for the different cutcherry servants the next morning being here performed by the Massaulchees.-

Madura 17th July 1837.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 102.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Your Circular of the 6th Instant, on the subject of which you require a report as soon as practicable, has reached me only this minute; and in answer I beg leave to inform you Coolies are never Compelled to transport dufters or baggage of the Hoozoor Cutcherry while on Circuit; nor have they ever been Compelled since I had charge of the district to transport the baggage of troops and other public establishments of Government.-

Should a requisition be made without any specific instructions from Government, on an emergency, I should charge the requisitionists the almanac rates for Coolies &c.a going long distances, and the village rates if required to go from village to village; but I would not supply this latter description unless the emergency was of a nature to require it.-

Madura 17th July 1837.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 103

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1.

Agreeably to your instructions of the 21st November I have the honor to forward a Statement

of

of salt sales & wastage during the last fusly.-

2 The per centage of wastage is less than the standard fixed by me in every pan except Oopoor & Callianagherry:- In Oopoor, where the wastage is the most in excess of the standard, which was fixed on the heap No. 6 in December, the salt was a fine large crystal & may probably have lost bulk in being trodden down in reforming the heaps.-

3 I am of opinion that salt in heaps is always liable to loss of bulk from atmospheric causes - and that it certainly is liable to variation from measurers of different strength without any wish to create that difference; but tho' my attempt to explain this difference is not likely to satisfy your Board I beg to assure you of my own conviction that it is in no case attributables to fraud or neglect; & trust you will therefore procure me sanction for writing off Garces 39- 24- 4;-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin! Coll!

Madura - Shevagungah
21st July 1837.

No. 104

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In answer to your Circular of the 17th Instant, just received, I request you will have the goodness to inform me what meaning I am to attach to Dea affixed to the article 'oils' enumerated in the new list of taxable commodities; - also to the words (on exportation) affixed to the articles Grain and Cotton; as whether it refers to exportation by sea, or from one Collectorate to another, or from the Company's territories to a foreign native one.

Madura Shevagungah
25th July 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin! Coll!

To

No. 105

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Finding the scarcity press dreadfully heavy on the lowest class of the population for the present, previous to the cutting of the Kodai grains, and no longer able to relieve it by resource to private subscriptions, I have taken upon myself the responsibility of directing the disbursement of 2 Rupees a day from the Meenatchee and Allagherry Pagodas in the Fort of Madura (both of which have surplus funds), for one Month from 1st. Proximo, which I hope may meet your approval and sanction; and in the same spirit I have recommended the Zemindars to authorize a similar disbursement from the few pagodas under them that have surplus funds.—

Sanction required

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura Connagoody
30th. July 1837.

No. 106

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

As desired in your circular of the 20th, received on the 29th, Ultimo, I have the honor to forward Copy of my answer to the Querries of the Customs and Post office Committee dated 17th. May last.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura Yalavuncottah
3d. August 1837.

To
No. 107

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. With reference to my letter of the 25th. Ultimo I request you will be so good as to inform me what

I am

I am to understand by the term 'Timber' one of the Sixteen taxable articles.—

2. Hitherto timber under any specification has been free from all duty except that of import and export by sea in this District. Jungle trees of from 10. to 20. Inches in girth are daily exposed in the Bazars for sale for the purpose of forming the supports in Native houses — & I think any tax upon them in this district would be vexatious.—

3. Has the taxable red wood reference to a dye, or in what way is it excluded from the general taxable article under the head 'timber'? and, are planks of Jack, Mango &ca. to be considered as taxable?, or Cocoanut and Palmyra trees when cut down; or Palmyra, when cut up for beams and rafters? such have never hitherto been subject to a Land Custom tax in this district.—

4. My apology for not entering these questions in my first reference on the subject must be the necessity for instant decision in order to give effect to your instructions at so short notice.—

5. I have generally directed that no duty be levied in the land Customs in consequence of the new proclamation that was not in the habit of being previously collected, till I am favored with your interpretation.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura Nelloor 13th. Augt. 1837.

No. 108

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state there are no returns for the last Month for the following statements.— Salt Confiscated, Goods confiscated.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura Nelloor 13th. Augt. 1837.—

No. 109

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen, Fort St. George

1. On the 2d. Instant I had the honor to receive your letter of the 27th. Ultimo on the subject of Abbas Allis garden and beg to admit the error in the date of the year as shewn in the translate - it ought to have been the 124th. instead of 1218th. Hijeree. The Purwana was originally translated into Tamil; and I am unable to say with certainty if the error was occasioned by the reader of the Tamil translate or writer of the English one, I am inclined to think by the former as the figures are not very clear in the Tamil Copy - I am sorry for the error and beg to return you the original for renewed Comparison.-

2. I did not notice the anomaly of the date in translate and if I had I should hardly have troubled you with a remark on the subject, when I had already expressed my opinion of the invalidity of the document, and that the invalidity was borne out by the Cucherry accounts.-

Madura Nelloor 16th. August 1837
(Signed) J. Blackburn
Prinl. Collr.

No. 110

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen, Fort St. George

1. I take the liberty to return for your consideration Petition No. 631. of 1837, inclosed in your letter of the 3d. Instant, and received by me yesterday, because the fact of its giving cover to my endorsement I think, cannot be fairly made to agree with your reason for its return Vizt. that Petitioner had neglected to inclose the Collector's order on the subject.-

2. That you may not adopt the petitioner's

perceiving

reasoning as to the propriety for inforcing my first, and setting aside my last, order, I beg leave to state the first was a recommendation, thro' the local officer that the parties should save the Courts trouble, and themselves the expense and vexation of litigation, by an amicable Compromise of a family dispute;- when the local officer's intermediation was fruitless, I had no other course than to refer them to the Civil Tribunals

Madura Nettoor 16th August 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 111.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Before finally replying to your Circular of the 10th Instant, just received, I beg leave to ask what is intended to be the pay and situation of the "Native assistant" in reference to that of the Sheristadar.- I look upon the Head Sheristadar as my Native assist; and if the newly titled personage is to precede him in emoluments and rank I think the duties of a Sheristadar should be consigned to him as the most onerous and most important in the collectorate;- and being most perfectly satisfied with my present Head Sheristadar, Sashagherry Raō, I should not under my supposition of what a native assistant is intended to be, wish for another; but I will recommend, as I have before done, with confidence any increase of pay and responsibility to him under the new title.-

Madura Mana madura
19th August 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 112

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. On the 2d. Instant I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 20th. Ultimo, calling for my sentiments on the expediency of passing a law for the adjustment of Claims of debt between money lenders & Ryots by Punchayet under the provisions of Regulations XII of 1816, and V. of 1822; and for making all cases of debt adjudicable by Punchayet whether at the option of the pursuer or defendant, without attention to the wish of the opponent.–

2. The principal causes of Civil action, as for instance, claims to land, grain, water, Covil and village meerasees are already cognizable by the Collector; and the promptitude with which they are disposed of, and the little trouble the litigants are put to, is a proof of the wisdom of the measure:– a similar good effect would, I doubt not, immediately follow the introduction of the suggestions in both cases now under consideration; and I think, too, the measure would be highly acceptable to the people at large. But I would beg to suggest that instead of this additional duty viz. of receiving Complaints, assembling Punchayets, carrying the decrees into execution, after settling all the opposition raised to them, and admission of appeals where Corruption or partiality are asserted, being imposed upon the Collector, it should still remain where it now is, with the Judge.–

3. I would suggest, also, that instead of the parties being allowed to nominate to the Punchayet, five members (of whom the Potail and Curnum should form two) should be selected in each village by the Collector & the list furnished to the Court; and if the village in which the cause of

of action has arisen does not afford five men of suffici-ent probity and sagacity, the Collector shall be at liberty to select them for the occasion from any neigh-bouring village.—

4. All debts, mortgage claims on land or other pledge to swamy-bhogum or rents might be, with great advantage, referred to Punchayets thus constituted; and with every prospect of an equitable and prompt award from the general notoriety in the village of each others transactions, and from the facility of obtaining immediate witnesses to material facts growing out of the evidence.— Punchayets should be obliged to give their decision within one month; and where the litigants are of different villages it may be left to the discretion of the judge to direct the adjudication either where the cause of action has arisen or in what village he pleases, recording the reasons for his selec-tion.—

5. It would seem desirable that all causes of action arising in large towns should be excluded from the benefit of this proposed law because of the chicanery which grows up in them and might perplex so simple a tribunal, and because the duty might very shortly prove a heavy tax upon its members; and in this view I would exclude in this collectorate;—

1st The fort of Madura and its environs for five miles round.—
2 Dindigul fort and Pettah
3. Ramnad fort and Pettah
4 Pettah of Shevagunga
5.—— Purmagoodi } in Ramnad
6.—— Camoothi } in Ramnad

and that power be reserved to preclude other

villages

Villages from these privileges when brought by the Collector to the notice of the Board of Revenue.–

Madura Mana Madura 19th August 1837– } (Signed) J. Blackburne Prin.l Collector

No. 113.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

On the 26th Ultimo the left wing of the 9th Regiment N. I. reached Madura; and communicated Cholera to several villages in passing thro' the Melur Talook; and tho' every precaution has been taken by the police officer and readily acceded to by the Commanding Officer (who has since fallen a victim to the disorder) we have been unable to prevent the infection spreading in the populous fort of Madura:– The Thiroomungalum Talook has escaped and the detachment remains on its borders, but within the Tinnevelly Collectorate, and receives every assistance from the Teroomungalom Talook authorities.–

The deaths in the Madura Fort from the 1st to the 17th have not exceeded 105; and in the Melur Talook are about 110 in the same period.–

I hope you may not consider me troubling you unnecessarily with this detail.–

Madura Manamadura 20th August 1837– } (Signed) J. Blackburne P.l Coll.r

No. 114.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1.

In answer to the Extract of your proceedings of the 24th Ultimo, received on the 12th Instant, I beg

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I beg leave to inform you the practise of holding land under fictitious names is common in this Collectorate, and appears to have been so from time out of mind, and to have arisen from the peculiar habits and charactor of the Hindus, whose written laws & customs prohibit the repetition of the name of the head of a house by his wife, dependents and inferiors, as highly indecorous; hence when Bramins became proprietors of land, it was usual to have the deeds of transfer drawn out in the names of their children or relatives; and when a Soodra would become a land proprietor he used to have the deeds made out in the name of the Purhoitee Bramin dependent upon him, a Custom of ancient standing but which has fallen very sensibly into desuse since the introduction of the British Courts of justice. - In the above transfers no fraud was intended & the transactions were open and known to the whole neighbourhood. The public servants of the Company have also obtained lands under fictitious names, partly for the reasons above shewn; and partly thro' consciousness of having obtained unjustifiable possession, and with a view to secure such misappropriation:- and for my own part I see no sufficient reason to oppose the innocent prejudices of the natives, and to endeavor to put down by a new law what will probably fall into entire disuse within no very long space of time from change of habit in mode of thinking:- I imagine the proposed enactment is only meant to take away one means of fraud, or to facilitate the discovery and punishment of it; and tho' I agree the latter object may be attained, I doubt much if the former will by such means. - In this Collectorate the law would meet with no opposition, but there is nothing to make its introduction desirable. -

2. Should the proposed measure be

determined

determined on it does not strike me than any thing further is requisite than a proclamation calling upon all, having lands in fictitious names, or that of their family, or dependents, or in the name of a deity, as is sometimes the case, to have them registered anew within a certain period before an European Commissioner appointed for the express purpose in each Collectorate with power to decide on all cases of disputed transfer without cost or fee of any kind to the party, or to impose that duty on the present Judicial establishments. But after all will not such a law be oftentimes a vexatious interference with a man's private rights? — When lands are held under fictitious names, without any view to fraud, not one case in a hundred will give rise to litigation; — and when so held with a fraudulent intent, does it not very frequently happen that the perpetrator makes himself dependent on others and is often in the end caught in the very trap by which he hoped to secure the success of his fraud — Is not the law more likely to annoy and vex the honest man than to put any check to fraud? — When the practise become oppressive and injurious to the public from any increasing vice in man's nature, the honest man will abandon it from a sense of self interest; and it seems a matter of little consideration that a fraudulent purchaser should lose his profits in litigation. —

3 The Correspondence which gave rise to the call for information from the Indian Law Commissioners would seem to confine itself to the objection of lands being "secretly acquired or held under feigned names" by the subordinate judicial native servants of Bengal. — By Section XX Regulation XXVI of 1802 of the Madras Code, which prohibits the private or public servants of a Collector, purchasing land in public auction in the Zillah in which such Collector

is employed, their right to acquire property by private sale is distinctly acknowledged - and notwithstanding the minor evils attendant on such permission it would perhaps be deemed very illiberal to with hold it: but a sufficient remedy would be found for the evil in obliging, under a heavy penalty, every public and private servant of a Collector, who is a bôna fide holder of land, to register it in the Collector's Cucherre, in a separate register to be kept for that purpose in whatever name he likes - the registry would put the Collector so far on his guard as to enable him easily to protect the interests of the Government and the Community; and let the party stand the chances of the trouble and litigation he is exposed to by his own folly or fraud, of entering the land in the name of another: - Judicial servants could be put under precisely the same rules as revenue servants, for if the objections to their holding lands in the Zillah in which they are employed are of less consequence in some cases, they may be productive of more oppression in others: - The evils of Revenue servants holding lands, unknown to the Collector, are the possible undue excess of advances for Cultivation to the detriment of a more deserving ryot; undue time given him for payment of his Kists; remission for perished crops and giving him an undue and preponderating influence in the village; and the grant of excessive and undue advances for repair of his tanks and watercourses to the exclusion of the neighbouring village; all which would be prevented, or provided against, if the Collector could avail himself of a registry of such lands. - and Section XXVIII Regulation XXVIII of 1802 of the Madras Code expressly recognizes the practise complained of, and provides against it's abuse and tho' an enquiry might be sometimes wearisome and vexations I am not aware that it has been found in-

inadequate to its object.-

4 Has it never occurred to the Indian Law Commissioners how much inconvenience arises from the practise of natives changing their names on occasion of certain events in their lives, and from their bearing indifferently their proper name and the familiar one which they held in their childhood in their father's house?-

Madura Mana madura
20th August 1837
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 115

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1.- On the 18th June I had the honor to receive Extracts from your proceedings of the 8th of the same month requiring further information respecting the Mullapaudy Chettram and in reply beg to inclose copy of a letter from the Sub Collector with its inclosures and translates for your Information, which as the Petitioner to your Board has not yet made his appearance, and I am therby led to consider he is still in attendance at your office, I shall no longer delay to forward.-

2 I am not inclined to support my allusion to the Choultry as still being the property of petitioner against your Board's;- I laid little stress on that matter:- I meant my letter of the 15th May to convey the pleasure I should feel if any charity were extended to a man who had previously had a hard bargain from the Government; and that tho' a Choultry at Mullapaudy would be very convenient for travellers &ca. yet there were other places on the same line of road

coming

coming within the rules furnished for the guidance of Collectors, so very much more desirable that I could not recommend this as a measure emanating from myself.—

3. I beg to assure you, that I was entirely unconscious of the querulousness you animadvert on— and tho' no doubt it must be there since it has been apparent to you, so perfectly clear is my conscience on the subject that I cannot perceive it in a review of the subject.— I am sorry it has occurred.—

Maduras Thirpavanom }
26th August 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 117

To

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. In accordance with the course laid down for myself in the 14th para: of my report of yesterday's date I have now the honor to submit that of the Sub Collector with the few observations that seem called for from me.

2. Para 3. Sub Collector's Report. It seems to me much more probable that the increase of Tanks, arises from their having been commenced some seasons ago and only completed & brought to account this year, than that they should have been commenced & completed within the same year.—

I do not agree with the Sub Collector in thinking the increase of population is brought to account in consequence of investigation in preparing the Moturpha statements, but rather attribute it to the gradually increasing attention of the Curnoms to the injunctions given in the two last years to attend to, and give a correct return on, this point, instead of following their former practise of merely transcribing the population return of the preceding

many

many years, in which no change was generally perceptible.-

3 I am unable to find any entry of the sums here

Para. 4th alluded to as ready money collections in the figured Statements furnished by the Sub Collector - nor is there any separate account for them, he is therefore requested to afford an explanation of them as also of the ready money remissions

Para. 5th alluded to in the next para.-

4. There would seem some inconsistency in recommending

Para. 6th indulgence to the Abkaree renter in Taudicomboo (Dindigul) in consequence of the unexpected removal of the Corps from that Station; and not to extend it to the betel renter:- But in neither case does remission seem call'd for so long as they are able to pay - for why should a speculator be absolved from all risk of loss?-

5. In particularizing the Cowle remissions no

Para. 9th reference in proof is made to the Accounts:- and a remission of 528 Rupees for unproductive Cotton plants is entered as for waste Cotton land, instead of under the head of remission for withered punjeh Crops.-

6 The Sub Collector observes on the Boards' per-

Para 11. =mission regarding Punjeh remissions not having been notified to him by the Prin! Collector.- At the proper season to have acted upon those orders the Sub Collector was absent on leave, but they were duly communicated to his locum tenens, Mr. Davidson, who readily agreed with the Principal Collector on the propriety of not giving them General publicity:- when the Sub Collector began to think it was advisable to act on such instructions, if any such there were, the season to enable him to do so with any correct=ness had long passed away.-

7. Altho' the granting of remission on two Crop

para. 12- garden land, yielding only one Crop, was in itself a desirable measure, still the Sub Collector should not have done so without previous communication with the Prin! Collector.

It was because the lands of Coorombapully never yielded the shotrium rent since attachment that the whole amount was carried to that head in the accounts. As public accommodation is infinitely less required in the immediate vicinity of a large and populous town than on solitary roads & in the neighbourhood of jungles I would much rather recommend the village should be incorporated with the rest of the unalienated lands and the benevolence of Government applied for, when requisite, in more appropriate places.

Madura }
1st Sept. 1837 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 18

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. I have the honor to submit with triplicate statements my report on the extra sources of revenue in Madura and Dindigul for Fusly 1246.

	Fusly 1245.	Fusly 1246.	Increase.	Decrease.
Sayer	320889	320464	.. .. ..	425 .. ..
Salt	235089. 10. 5.	246387. 8. 4.	11297. 13. 11.	.. .. ..
Abkaree	45705.	48805.	3100	.. .. ..
Sea Customs	23346. 15. 9.	10808. 10. 8	.. .. ..	12538. 5. 1
Stamps	17978. 8 ..	22364. 15 ..	4386. 7 ..	.. .. ..
Tank fish	10659. .. 11.	4822. 15. 3.	.. .. ..	5836. 1. 8
	653668. 3. 1.	653653. 1. 3.	18784. 4. 11.	18799. 6. 9
				18784. 4. 11
Net decrease				15. 1. 10

Last fusly there was a decrease in the salt sales below those of the preceding one to the amount of Rupees 11114. 10. 3, in explaining the causes of which I gave my opinion they would rise again to their former height in the present fusly; & that I have not been deceived is attributable to the steady pursuit of the measures introduced in 1834, for

for suppression of the traffic in earth salt; - for facilitating the transport of monopoly salt; and for securing the integrity of the servants: - My cares have been lightened by the non production of spontaneous salt in consequence of the drought; and I am happy to report the great relief derived to the trader and servants from the repair & enlargement of the two ponds in the vicinity of the pans, the estimate for which you sanctioned during the fusly..

The increase in the Abkaree was occasioned by unwise competition and has not left the renter any profit. -

The decrease in the Sea Customs argues no loss of revenue, as it is consequent solely on the measures for collecting an import duty on Cotton at Madras instead of the former export duty here: - The duty collected on Cotton last fusly amounted to Rupees 13153 - " 11; - The value of the duties on cotton exported in the current fusly is Rupees 18598 - 15 - 1. - Setting aside then the duty on Cotton in both years, the comparison is in favor of the present. -

	Fusly 1245.	Fusly 1246.	Increase.
Export duties - - - - - - - - -	3506: 7: 2:	3556 - 10 - 5.	50 - 3 - 3
Import duties - - - - - - - - -	6687 - 7 8	7252 " 3.	564 - 8 7
	10193 - 14 - 10.	10808. 10 - 8.	614 - 11 10

The increase of the stamp revenue is derived Rs. 1626. 6 " in the Sayer department, and Rs. 968. in the Sea Customs, from great vigilance exerted in those branches; - and Rs. 1792 - 1 " from law stamps, including penalties to amount of Rs. 596.

The great Decrease in the Fish fis caused by the want of water in tanks; and will not be considered extraordinary if the state of the season be kept in mind. -

2. Abstract of Demand, Collection and Balance on each Item at the close of the fusly

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fusly :-

	Demand	Collection	Balances
Sayer	320464	318634	1830 .. ..
Salt	246387. 8. 4	246387. 8. 4	.. .. ..
Abkaree	48805	47365. 8 ..	1439. 8 ..
Sea Customs	10808. 10. 8	10808. 10. 8	.. .. ..
Stamps	22364. 15 ..	22364. 15 ..	.. .. ..
Tank fish	4822. 15. 3	4537. 15. 3	285 .. ..
	653653. 1. 3	650098. 9. 3	3554. 8 ..

This balance has been since reduced to Rupees 2745-3-7 of which Rs. 1171-11-7 is due from the Sayer Renters of Thenkurray and Taudicomboo, and for which their property is under process of sale; Rs. 356. 8 .. is due from the abkaree renter of Shevagunga, and 952 Rs. in Taudicomboo - and the removal of the Regiment from Dindigul affords ample Explanation of the last failure :- The balance against the fish
Rs. 265. renters is confined to Maudacolom, - is occasioned solely by the drought, and will be collected by the end of November by instalments of 70 Rs. per Mensem, for which I have got good security. -

3. I take the liberty of recalling to your consideration the state of the old Sayer & abkaree balances reported upon on the 20th January last, and trust you will obtain me sanction for writing them off the accounts. -

4. As directed in the Minutes of Consultation of the 10th October I beg to report the home consumption of Salt was Garces 2277- 60- 6, sold for Rupees 238575- 15- and Garces 75- 44- " were sold for Rupees 7811- 8- 9 for export inland from the districts. - Total Garces 2352- 104- 6, price Rupees 246387- 8- 4. -

5. In the first para: of my report on the extra revenue for fusly 1245, under date 1st September 1830

I had

I had the honor to shew you how the death of a material witness prevented the Criminal Court committing for trial the perpetrators of a burglarious robbery of 1238 Rs. from one of the salt treasuries on the 22nd January of the same year:- on the 11th last January (1837) the case was again sent to the Criminal Court on a Confession before the Police Darogha with strong circumstantial evidence as the Confession was not repeated before the Criminal Court, & because of irregularities sworn to by the attesting witnesses, & because the Prinl. witness in corroboration had known the circumstances he swore to for a long period without giving information the acting Criminal Judge did not think himself justified in committing the case for trial before the Court of Circuit; but sentenced the parties, as labouring under strong suspecion, to 50 rupees security each or one year's imprisonment:- I have thought it my duty to request the Court of Circuit would examine the proceedings to see if there be not grounds to direct a review of the case.-

Criminal Courts return for January 1837. Letter 4th Feby. 1837-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 1st September 1837-

No. 119

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to your Circular of the 7th, received on the 16th Ultimo, Enclosing a printed Copy of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 18th March last, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to furnish me with not less than 10 Ploughs for Experiment in the 8 Talooks and 2 large Zemindaries in this District.-

Madura 2d. Septr. 1837.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr. &c.

To No. 120 ~~194~~ 195 395

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose Copies and translation of 6 addresses claiming disbursement of Certain allowances of two Pagodas & one Mosque in Shevagunga; — The Zemindar admits the justness of the claims, and it appears from the Accounts in record that the allowances of the two former were continued during the last Assumptions in Fusly 1241; and that the latter was paid from the funds of a Chuttrom in Cusbah Shevagunga — As the payments have been discontinued since the present assumption of the Zemindary, I beg to recommend the disbursement as specified in the Margin and request sanction for it & for the arrears. —

[Margin: Mahalinga Swamy Pagoda at Shevagunga. Nullamahomed Mustans Mosque at Paria Cottah. Aunjanaya Sawmy's Pagoda at Shevagunga.

The Pagoda No. 1. at Rs. 10. & 8. a month. at 1. double fanam a day. at 3. Rs. a month.]

Madura 5th Septr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Translate of an address from Davarayien, Ameen of Caunoor. —

With reference to the endorsed order of the 3d. Instant, on the Petition of Varisa Muhammed, to effect that the allowance usually disbursed from the Ain Revenue of this Talook for support of expenses of keeping lights &c. in the Mosque of Nulla Muhammed Mustaun of Peryacottah, both since, and previous to, the days of Gavoorivullavathavur, had been discontinued by me since April last, for want of your authority, & calling upon me to explain the particulars, in whose days the above stated 1. fanam a day had been conferred upon the Mosque; whether the Petitioner possessed any document for the same, and from what source the payment had been continued, & transmitting at the same time the original petition on the subject, — I beg to inform you, Petitioner says a title deed was granted by a former Zemindar (Sasyvurnaperia Odiah Thaver) :

authorizing

authorizing the payment of 2 double fanams a day, which was accordingly disbursed up to the time of Marooda Servagar (his successor); that in the days of Gavoorevullavathavur it was reduced to 1 fanam a day, & under instructions to the Caunoor Ameen paid accordingly;— that on its subsequent discontinuance by the present Zemindar he complained to the Collector during the last assumption of the Zemindary, upon whose order to the then Head Tahsildar it continued to be paid in the Caunoor Talook up to March last; that the title deed above alluded to was lost during the rebellion,— He gave a written deposition to this effect and also produced Copies of an Address by the Zemindar to the Collector, as well as of an order issued thereon to the Head Tahsildar, as also a Cadjan order issued by the late Zemindar (Gavoorevullavathaver) to the Ameen of Caunoor Talook.—

On my enquiry of Moodoosawmy pillay and Mahipaulacunna pillay, the Ambelgar & Curnom of the above Paria Cotta village, they state that 2 double fanams were originally paid for some time; that it was afterwards reduced to 1 fanam, which continued to be paid up to March last in the Caunoor Talook, and that the expence of lights was defrayed by the same;— & they gave their depositions to this effect.—

The Evidence of Soobbeen (Tamil Gomastah of the Talook) Corroborates the above statements and proves an insertion of the reduced payment at 1 double fanam a day in the Zemindar's accounts— I therefore beg to forward inclosed 6 Documents, & beg your final instructions.—

(Signed) Davarajeen
Ameen

Shevagunga 10th July 1837.

Translate of a Petition by Varisa Mukhammed of Paria Cottah in the Caunoor Talook

An allowance of 1 double fanam a day has been disbursed from time immemorial both previous & and

and since, the days of Gavoorivullaba thaver (former Zemindar) out of the Ain revenue of Caunoor Talook for lighting the Mosque of Nulla Muhammed Mustaun at Paria cottah - It was likewise continued during the last Assumption & upto March last, but since (8th May last) the Zemindary has been assumed for arrears of Revenue, the Ameen declines giving me the Money due from April, without your order - In proof of my above assertions I possess Copy of an order No. 39 of 19th Octr. 1832 upon Stampt paper, issued by the Collector to the former Head Tahsildar authorizing the disbursement of the above sum according to Custom. I therefore request orders for the disbursement at 1 double fanam a day; and at the same time arrears due, and that the Charity be supported for Ever. -

30th June 1837. - (Signed) the Petitioner

Translate of an Address from the Zemindar of Shevagunga

In acknowledging the receipt of your order, No. 204, of the 24th Instant, calling upon me to explain the Complaint of Soobbauchary, the Poojari of the Hanooman Pagoda on the Theppacolum in Shevagunga, from what time and fund the alledged payment of 3. Rs. a Month had been disbursed, at what rate, whether the continuance is necessary for the future, I beg to state that the offerings were defrayed partly from the Sayer duties which were then, in Durmoky, under our control, & partly by payments, direct from the palace by the former Zemindar, Gavoorivullaba taver (my Grand father) On the 29th January 1835 the necessary disbursements were made from the quit rent of Durmasanem lands, at Rs. 3 a Month - & have been ever since so continued upto May last - as there is no other fund for its maintenance, which is requisite, I beg to recommend its continued disbursements. -

(Signed) the Zemindar

31st July 1837.
Shevagungah }

Translate

Translate of a Petition by Soobbachary of Shevagunga

In conformity with ancient Custom, and the orders of the present Zemindar, I have conducted the offerings of the Hanooman Pagoda on the Northern Bank of Theppacolum in Shevagunga, with the allowance of 3 Rs. paid monthly from the Durm-asanum Cutchery. The Zemindary being assumed the payment has been discontinued for want of your authority - as there is no other income wherewith to maintain the expences attending the Poojah &ca. I humbly request an order to Saumba-sevarow, the Superintendent of Charitable institutions, authorizing renewal of the payment. -

11th. July 1837 - (Signed) the Petitioner

Translate of an address by the Zemindar of Shevagunga to the Principal Collector of Madura. -

In acknowledging the receipt of your order, No. 203, of the 22d. Instant, directing me to explain the petition of Sawmy Deetchither, Staunegum of Maha-lingasarasawmy Pagoda of Shevagunga, regarding a sum of 3 Chs. a Month, usually disbursed for its daily offerings; & asking from what time & fund it has been paid, I beg to state that a Sum of 3 Chs. a Month is recorded in former accounts to have been paid from the funds of Charitable institutions under the order of the former Zemindar (Gavoorevullabathaver) dated 4th. 17th. November 1825. Caurthegay of Paurtheva year, & similarly maintained during the last assumption, and also up to May last. This being a Charity, I beg to recommend its continued Support.

31st. July 1837. Shevagunga - (Signed) the Zemindar &ca.

Translate of a Petition of Sawmy Deetchather Staunegum of Mahalingaswarasawmy Pagoda in Shevagunga &c. -

3 Chs. a month had long been paid from the [illegible] Durm-asanum Quit Rent under the orders of the former Zemindar, Gavoorevullabatavar, for the daily offerings & other Ceremonies of the above Pagoda, & continued to be disbursed from Fusly 1241 and from 1242

1242 to 1246, even when the Zemindary has been under attachment. Hence the religious Ceremonies have been Conducted with great excellence: but since the present assumption, Saumbaseva row, the Superintendent, has put a stop to them from the Month of Auny, or June last, by ceasing to defray the money without your order. To enable the maintenance of the Ceremonies of God, I humbly request the above Sambaseva row be directed to pay every month the sum above alluded to, conformably to former usage.-

(Signed) Samy Deetchader

20th. July 1837.

(True Translate)

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 121

To

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Sundry Charges required for Devastanams, & request sanction for the amount being defrayed from their respective Surplus Funds.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
6th. Septr. 1837

No. 122.

To

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

When on the 29th. I had the honor to receive your letter of the 21st. Ultimo, empowering me to employ the poorer Classes in their villages, I hoped rain sufficient would continue to fall to enable me to dispense with the succours you proposed, as they were not precisely of the nature called for here.-

Disappointed

2. Disappointed in this expectation, and the principal Crop having already begin to wither, I have (I hope in the spirit of those instruction) this day requested the Sub Collector to dispose of 100 Rupees in each of the Talooks of Iyempolly & Paudicomboo, at the places, and in the way, he deems most fit; for he had some time before requested me to recommend the institution of some poor houses, which, however, in the absence of any rules proposed for their Management or any distinct plan offered, I had declined to do.—

3. The persons to whom the charity is proposed to be extended are not the Pottah Cultivators, who are still able to take care of themselves, but their usual labouring servants and families, who are very much reduced and for whom it is much more desirable to find food gratis than to exact any labor in return till the state of the season gives opportunity for their employ.—

4. My reports do not yet enable me to recommend any thing precise for the Sub Collector's other, and my own, talooks, & must depend upon the next few days. If rain falls I shall not need importune Government in their behalf; and if it does not I purpose taking a necessary responsibility on myself as in the present instance, and immediately Communicating the same to your Board;

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and mean-time I beg for your instructions on what I have done.—

Madura
6th September 1837 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No. 123.

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last Month for the following statements.—

Salt Confiscated.

Report of Persons suspended and dismissed in conformity to section VII. Regulation VI. of 1831.—

Madura 7th Sept.r 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To No. 124.
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Mootoosawmy Naick, 2d. dresser, appointed for this Collectorate, represents himself entitled to travel:ling Batta, amounting to Rs. 3-11-8, for 24 days, from Madras to Madura; @ 2. 1. fns. for every 12. Miles - I therefore beg to know if I am at liberty to pay him the amount, as I have no rules for my guidance.—

Madura 7th Sept.r 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To No. 125.
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

On the application of my Acting Assistant, Mr. Harris, I beg leave to recommend a retrospective leave of absence for ten days, being the period he was
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exceeded the one months' leave granted him on the 21st July. He was induced to exceed his leave from apprehension of returning fever, from which he has been suffering for some Months.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura 9th Septr. 1837.

No. 126.

To

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. I have the honor to forward a statement of irrecoverable Murammut balances outstanding since fusly 1220, and beg to recommend they may be written off to "Profit and Loss," as the parties from whom they are due have been ascertained by careful enquiry to be dead, absent without any tidings, & entirely insolvent.— The amount is Rupees. 1900 - 12 - 8.—

2. The cause of this accumulation not being perceptible in the accounts is from the practise that formerly prevailed of entering such balances as collected at the end of one fusly & crediting it again as an Advance at the Commencement of another;—This practise was discontinued in fusly 1243, and all balances at the end of the fusly have been since Collected bonâ fide— and there is not at this Moment any Murammut balances subsequent to this now shewn in fusly 1242.—

Madura 9th Septr. 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 127.

To

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. The extensive Murammut repairs I propose recommending for the tanks and Watercourses in the Shevagunga Zemindaree make extremely desirable the

immediate appointment of an able & honest Superintendant and as such I beg leave to recommend Vencata Ramiyen, on a Salary of 50. Rupees a month; and I am well convinced this apparent high pay will in the whole prove a matter of real œconomy to the assets of the estate.—

2. Vencataramyen is the man lately recommended by your Board to Government for this pay as Maramut Superintendent in this Collectorate, on the selection of Captⁿ. Faber; and does in fact hold that situation on the former pay of Rupees 35.— I have much reason to be pleased with his activity & abilities, & as yet I have had no reason whatever to doubt his honesty.— He also continues to enjoy Captⁿ. Faber's good opinion, and indeed to improve in it.— His services are well worth the remuneration of 50. Rupees a month.—

3. If your Board approve of my suggestion for his employment in Shevagunga, I mean to recall the old Superintendent Mooneyapa Mastry, who will do his duty as before on the pay he has always held, & will be liable to removal whenever Government shall be induced to give the increased pay in this Collectorate to Vencataramyen, or he can be spared from Shevagunga.

Madura 9th. Septr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 128.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit the Statement of Punjah remission omitted to be forwarded with my report on last fusly Settlement, on the 31st. Ultimo.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura 12th. Septr. 1837.

No. 129.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Sangra Coomauroo pillay, Curnom of Sullapapilliar-
-nuttom in the Tirmungalom Talook, appealed to me,
in March 1834, against a fine of 10 Rs. imposed upon him
by the Sub Collector for Contradictory Evidence given in
the Moonsiffs Court, & that given before him; & deeming
the fine illegal I remitted it; but as he never, until
now, came forward to claim the amount, which was
included in my accounts for March last, I request
sanction for its repayment.-

Madura 12th Septr. 1837.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 130.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to the Extract from your
proceedings dated 27th February last, I have the honor to
forward a Statement of disbursements not Exceeding 20 Rs.
disbursed at my discretion from the funds of religious in-
-stitutions up to the close of last fusly.-

Madura 14th Septr. 1837.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 131.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. Not having been favord with any notice of my
address of the 24th January, submitting my report on the
levy of a Veesabuddy & Moturpha tax in the Fort of Madura,
I proceeded to prepare the accounts for the whole Collec-
-torates as if it had met your approbation.-

2. As in that letter I detailed my course of
proceeding, which I have not departed from, I have no need
now to trouble you with any other observation than
that in the abstract Statements A. and B. now
forwarded

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forwarded, are included the proposed taxes for the Fort of Madura, and amount

Fort Moturpha to Rupees	44968. 2. 6
Veesabuddy	23302. 6. 8
Total	68270. 9. 2
Amount Collected in 1214	48282. 12. 3
Proposed increase	19987. 12. 11

Whilst the tax proposed by the late Prinl. Collector in fusly 1238 was Rupees 61707. 8. 5; falling short of that now proposed by Rupees 6563. " 9.

3. The Accounts for the Zemindaries of Ramnad and Shevagunga shall be forwarded as soon as received

Madura 15th. Septbr. 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 132

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward a Statement of Salt Manufactured in fusly 1246, Compared with the preceding Fusly, prepared in Conformity with your instructions of the 22d. June last, together with the Statement required by your letter of the 22d. September 1836, and which ought to have accompanied my report on Extra Revenue.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 15th. Septbr. 1837.

No. 133.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. I have reason to believe the ex Zemindar of Shevagunga is Collecting the Quit rent balances of the Dewastans for last fusly, and appropriating the proceeds to his own use; and I am this day given to understand he is anticipating the Collection of the

the Lists for the same lands for the Current fusly
and I trust your Board will not attribute to impati-
-ence for your instructions on my letter of the 9th May
last that I venture to address you on this subject,

2. I have notified to the ex zemindar my suspicions, and my intention to proceed against him under Regulation IX of 1822, as coming under its provi-sions by Section XVI Regulation VII of 1817, if you approve of my doing so towards a man under his circumstances; at the same time it will be impossible to recover from a pauper the quit rent due to the estate which he may meantime appropriate to himself.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 16th Septr. 1837. Prinl. Collector

No. 134

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen, Fort St. George

With reference to your letter of the 24th August I have the honor to request you will inform me what time is to be allowed the state prisoner, Valungapooly Thaven, for furnishing security; and what I am to do with him in event of the security not being furnished within such period; and also what daily allowance I am to make him during the period he remains in my Custody. I purpose allowing him at the rate of 100 Rupees per mensem, as was done at Gooty, in the event of not receiving your instructions before his arrival, which I am given to understand I may expect by the end of the Month.—

Madura Kottamputty } (Signed) J. Blackburne
19th September 1837.— Prinl. Collector

To

To

No. 135

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The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 On the 25th July I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 17th with its inclosure, containing instructions on the subject of the Customs, and lost no time in Communicating your restriction of the levy of duties to the 36 articles there enumerated, which had effect from the 12th of the following month:- no change, however, being allowed in the collection of special duties on Betel, Tobacco, Ganjah and Bang.

2 The articles thus exempted gave but a very insignificant duty in this District, amounting in fusly 1229 (the last year in which they were collected direct by the Collector) to only Rupees 8560; and in fusly 1245, when rented, to only Rs. 7998; the whole custom revenue being in fusly 1229, Rs. 252165, and in 1245, Rs. 245716, thus shewing them in the first instance to have been only 3 6/10; and in the second, 3 4/16 per cent of the whole revenue; thus you will see their exemption from tax will have little effect in reducing the number of Chokeys:- and I have accordingly been enabled to reduce only 4 Chokeys and 13 Mettoos, which will take effect from the 11th Current.-

3. The articles principally productive are piece goods Betel and Tobacco:- the cloths used by the cultivators and worn in the villages are of small value; & few of the manufacturers would have the honesty to carry them any distance to have the stamp affixed; and in the same way the duty on betel & tobacco would be sacrificed to a great degree was I to reduce the number of Chokeys to a greater extent:- The sketch map of position of the Chokeys relative to the principle towns & roads shall be forwarded as quickly as it can be prepared: and, meantime, I beg leave to forward statement No. 1 shewing the Collection comparative of one year

year under Amany, and one under rent in each of the Chokeys retained, distinguishing the Amount on the Articles now exempt from those on which duty continues leviable.—

4. Prompt transit is not yet an object of such importance in this District as to make the introduction of emballing goods of consequence— Neither would it in the present stage of information remove any difficulty to carriers— packages &ca. are never opened in transit, whether the Customs are Collected by the renter or the Government officers— a small exaction is made, but emballing would be equally liable to the same; for who will travel a long distance and suffer many days detention for the sake of calling down punishment on a corrupt receiver for a trifling exaction? and if it be one of great moment he would be still more afraid of the increased detention in a superior Court. The present rules for the guidance of Collectors, if acted upto with rigor, seem quite sufficient to protect & encourage the trade of the Country.— Papers of instructions & warning of the penalties they will incur by delaying or exacting any fee &ca. from the merchants have been issued to each Custom officer.—

5. I am sorry that the revised Mohin Zabtah, No. 2, which I have the honor to submit, does not exhibit much decrease below that of July, but I really fear a further reduction would be attended with an inappropriate loss of revenue: The Mohin Zabtah of July was Rs. 1589 per mensm., the present Rs. 1396. 8 ..; which still shews a great increase over that of the last Amany fusly of 1230 viz. Rs. 374. 8 .. per mensem & which is solely occasioned by the necessity to guard against the smuggling of betel which is now bonâ fide under amany also: And I trust the remarks to the Abstract statement, No. 3, will prove a satisfactory explanation of the increase;—

I have

6. I have to beg you will be so good as to procure me sanction for the disbursement of Rs. 4767 " " actually incurred for the first quarter of the Current fusly & for the future Monthly disbursement of Rs. 1396 8 "

Madura 3d. October 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Prin. Collr.

No. 136.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. Before the Company's assumption of the district of Dindigul, a Polligar of Nuttom granted some land in the Village of Pandagoody to the Prawmalai Covil in the Shevagunga Zemindary and some other land in the same village to the Mahajinums (Bramins) on Dhermasanam tenure. Mr. Hurdis, the then Collector, assumed the lands bestowed on the Prawmalai Covil in fusly 1213, on the plea that that Pagoda was situated in a foreign Country, Murdoo Shevagar at that time having sway in Shevagunga; & did not interfere with the land bestowed on the Bramins of Pandagoody.

2. The revenue from the resumed pagoda land has ever since been carried to the Government account without dispute.

And, in fusly 1232 the then Tasildar of Meloor, under suspicion and pretext, that the Bramins had encroached upon, and unjustifiably appropriated to themselves 83 15/16 Cawnies of Nunjah and Punjah land from the portion formerly bestowed on the Prawmalai Covil, assumed that portion, keeping the money in Deposit (since carried fully to the Government Account) and entered it as a boundary in dispute between the Bramins and the Government.

3. No enquiry seems to have been made by the then Collector, or any notice taken of the occasional subsequent complaints, till one was made to me last year, which a reference to it's long pendance, a presumed necessity to visit the spot in person, and much important business

business on hand induced me to postpone enquiry into till I could visit the spot, whither I went purposely last Month;-

Inspection of the Accounts of fusly 1213.- of the survey Accounts of 1215 - the absence of any claim to the land on the part of the adjoining villages, and attention to the situation of the boundary stones, of which I have the honor to send accompanying a plan, induce me to believe the claim of the Government cannot be maintained against the Bramins with justice:- I therefore, beg leave to recommend the 83 15/16 Cawnies should be at once put into their possession:- There is no present claim to the collection carried to account of Government from 1232 to 1246; and perhaps should it be made, it might be barred on plea of their own neglect to seek redress from the higher authorities, when their claim was neglected by the Collector.-

Statement Particular accompanies

Madura 3rd October 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne Prin.l Coll.r

No. 137

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Ultimo, with Petition No. 837 of 1837, and to state that the Yomeah allowance was originally granted from the funds of the Madura Pagoda in fusly 1213, when Tus Leeks were framed for the charges & the surplus carried to the head of Land Revenue; payment of the Petitioner's Yomeah also was discontinued from that source, but paid direct by Government.-

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It is notorious that the petitioner's family is large & destitute, & if Government think good there does not seem any good reason why the Yeomeah should not be again made payable from the surplus funds of the Meenatchee Pagoda, for the Petitioner

Petitioner's life time, leaving the question of renewal, on his decease, open for future decision.—

Madura 4th October 1837.—
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 138

To
The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to annex Copy of a proclamation published for the sale of property belonging to the abkary renter and his securities, of the Talook of Pandecomboo of Fusly 1246, for recovery of the balance against the renter regarding which I beg your instructions.—

Madura 5th October 1837.—
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 139

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state there are no returns for the last Month for the following statements.—

Quarterly Return of Revenue Defaulters confined in the Jail upto 30th September.
Report of Casualties and Revenue Defaulters released upto Do.
Goods confiscated.
Salt Confiscated.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 6th October 1837.—

No. 140.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Sundry Charges required for Davastanoms &c. and request sanction for the amount being defrayed

defrayed from their respective surplus funds.—

Madura 11th October 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 141.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1.— I have the honor to state for the information of your Board that Tandee Govenden & Iyyappa Govenden of Poodooputty, situated on a Hill belonging to the Zemindar of Ammayanaickanoor, have instituted a suit against me, as Collector & the above Zemindar, in the Zillah Court, for recovery of Rs. 22 - 14 " being an asserted over collection made by the Sub Collector from the Cultivators (the Plaintiffs) contrary to a Pattah granted them 24 years ago, by the late Zemindar, authorizing their enjoyment of the village in question, on a fixed payment of 50. Chs. a year; in reliance on which they (the Plaintiffs) made all necessary improvement by removing the Jungles with which it was covered;— Notice has been issued by the Court and a term of 2 months, extending to the 20th proximo, allowed for my defence.—

2. I beg also to bring to your notice that it is an invariable practice in this collectorate to confirm for that year only all village rents which may have been granted at an apparently injudiciously reduced rate below the fixed settlement of fusly 1212, to any individual by the Zemindar, on sequesteration of the Zemindary for arrears of Revenue; and their settlement is afterwards subjected to the usual rules, if retained under management, under the provisions of Section XIII, Regulation XXV of 1802— The arrangement of the Sub Collector seems made under these considerations and with reference to Memoranda from me on other occasions somewhat similar.—

3. The Sum claimed by Plaintiffs having been carried to the Polligar's credit for his arrears,

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the defence, responsibility and expense of the Suit should I think devolve upon him; and as I think the spirit of Section XIII. Regulation XXX. of 1802, above quoted, sufficiently entitles the Collector to a nonsuit as against him, I would recommend that as far as he is concerned it should be left to be tried exparte.

4. I am of opinion that in this case the sub Collector should not have interfered to set a side the Zemindar's Rent; - and I am of opinion that the Zemindar should now be advised to renew the Rent on its former terms, and give back the amount collected in excess of the former Rent; and use any means he can to induce the Plaintiffs to withdraw their suit. - and I must not omit to inform you that when the Plaintiffs complained to me on the subject in October last year I referred them to the Zemindar, as the Pollium had at that time been restored to him - Had they addressed me again informing me of the Zemindar's indisposition to receive their Complaint I think I could easily have removed all cause for recourse to the Zillah Court. -

5. In conclusion I would beg to be favor'd with your Board's instructions for my guidance in this case; and with your opinion if the law above quoted is sufficient authority for cancel of agree-ments made by Zemindars in possession, where it appears to the sequestrating Officer to be at vari-ance with the interest of the proprietor, in the year following that in which the assumption has been carried into effect. -

Madura 11th October 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l. Coll'r.

No. 142.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have

referred ... [illegible]

See Clause 2. Section II. Regulation I. of 1823. and Board's proceedings 27th. April 1829.

1. I have the honor to forward Copy & translate of Pauper Plaint, No. 104 of 1837, preferred against me as Collector, and 22 others, in the Zillah Court, by Syed Muhammed, a Dheloyet of the same Court, for recovery of certain ground valued at 1000 Rs., and of another parcel of Inam Ground, valued at 2000 Rs., both situated in a centrical part of the fort of Madura.

After the notice was served I obtained a delay of 3 Month to give my answer, which will expire on the 3d. January next.

2. It would appear from the plaint itself that Plaintiff's grand father was forcibly dispossessed of it 80 years ago by Khan Sahib alias Issuf Khan during the wars of that period. It was then wrested from him by the Nawab and afterwards came into the possession of the Company; and was finally distributed as waste by Mr. Peter to my 22 Co-defendants, as other ground was, to other persons, for building upon, in the year 1819, with the sanction of Government under date 3d. March 1820. The claim comprises a small street the houses of which have been raised by the defendants at considerable expenses.

3. If the suit comes to a trial I cannot doubt but a non suit must be obtained in appeal, if not in the Zillah Court, and the Pltff. will at the same time be saddled with the Costs. but mean time the sums necessary for defence of it must be advanced by the defendants & what hope of recovery from an admitted Pauper?

As it is impossible for me to guess how the Acting Judge has been satisfied of the propriety of receiving such a suit upon the file of the Court, I would suggest that it would be desirable to call upon him, thro' the Superior Courts, to shew sufficient cause for his proceeding, which at first view I am led to consider must be contrary to the provisions of Clause 4. Section XVIII Regulation II. of 1802. If it appears the suit has been correctly filed; or if you prefer it, in the first instance, I can at once

proceed

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proceed to submit draft of the answer proposed:— But if it appears that the suit has been allowed to be filed inadvisedly, I would suggest the Acting Judge should be admonished to greater discretion in future as the admission of such suits tends greatly to disturb the public mind in this place when much property is held on similar tenure, and which may well bring forward similar claims from the descend:-ants of the great Tirmul Naick himself.—

Madura 14th Octr. 1837
disp. 16th Do.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 143.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In answer to your Circular of the 14th received on the 29th Ultimo, I beg leave to inform you the acting head assistant has reported that he has not provided himself with a Copy of the Acts from No. 1. 1834.—

The Sub Collector reports that he has received copies of all in the news papers which he takes in, but having free access to the office copies, furnished by Government, he has not preserved them; and the same is precisely my own case.—

[margin: x 13th Octr. received yesterday]

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 16th October 1837.—

No. 144.

To
The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Para 1 When I took Charge of this Collectorate from Mr. Wroughton in the early part of 1834 he intro:duced the Sherestadar and Naib Sherestadar to me with equally encomiums on both:— The latter I found the exclusive native head of the Salt & Sea Custom Departments and of two Talooks:— It was not long before he pre:sented for my signature a report on the great deficiencies and Corrected irregularities in the Salt department of which

he could explain so little to my satisfaction that I hesitated & sent it to Mr Wroughton, under whose direction he led me to believe it had been drawn up for signature and transmission to your Board. Mr Wroughton declined any responsibility in the matter and I determined to postpone the report till I could judge for myself:— My distrust of the Naib was raised and his reports daily acquired a more unintelligible character & his absences and neglects on plea of sickness were frequent; and gradually my direct intercourse with him was almost wholly interrupted; for I found the salt report above alluded to had been either most fraudulently or most culpably negligently drawn up — I soon found too by enquiry induced by petition of the party that he had led my predecessor to dismiss the Sea Custom Choukeydar of Daurepalam, who had held office there only two months for a decrease in Collections that had occurred long previously — and tho this cause was recorded in the order to the salt Amildar, under whose immediate authority, the Choukeydar was, the fraud & the error were never brought to the notice of the European Officer but this man is said to have been a creature of the Naibs & his death alone prevented my urging his dismission — The year following his death & my prior transfer of the control of the salt pans from the Naib to the Head Sheristadar was shewn an increased revenue of 30000 Rups —

These and other causes induced me to form a very low opinion of the Naibs integrity which was increased by my belief that he went about depreciating my character as well in the European as Native Community; & that he did it to Mr Wroughton on his return as sole Collector to this District is capable of irrefragable proof from the imperious remonstrance which that gentleman addressed me on the subject; I have reason to believe he carried his complaints and misrepresentation of my conduct & character to gentlemen at the Presidency; and my private enquiries (unaccompanied by or particular legal proof convince he was the writer of the anonymous libels, which your Board inserted under date 17th July, on my keeping in record till I could find out the sender; and of a similar libel sent nearly at the same time to Government and

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Petition No 609. of 1837.

and by them forwarded to the Collector of Trichinopoly to be re-:turned to the writer, as I know from his being subsequently directed to forward it to me on his own failure to dis-:cover the writer —

2 When I became confirmed in my opinion of the Naib's want of integrity & probity I met the supposed evil by confining his interference solely to the accounts (carefully guarding against injuring his dignity or indicating my distrust of him) and enquiries going on at various times in the Cutcherry, in which he had scope to show his services as eminently useful; and his previously reported ability as an accountant raised expectations that have been seriously disappointed. He has been absent on sick leave and other causes a length of time that would have been seriously felt in a more valuable Officer; and I believe I do not exaggerate when I state it at 3 months out of 12. — In the absentee book his name does not appear —

3 The Naib is or I think he is, greatly disaffected to me; — is the source & encourager of evil in the Cutcherry the perpetrator of the petitions above alluded to; — and I greatly fear, thro' himself or his agents, the cause of a bad understanding between the Judicial authorities at the Station and myself: — I have the honor to request his dismissal, and permission to recommend a successor: — Should you think the public service does not require it, or are unwilling to give credit to what you may call my unfounded suspicions, I request his removal from this to any other Office, his pay continuing chargeable to this Collectorate without any one being sent to replace him; for tho' greatly in want of the aid of an Officer of his rank and ability during the assumption of the Shevagunga Zemindary and the Amany Collection of the Sayer revenue I would gladly compensate for the loss to be relieved from the underhand counteraction of such a man: — The enclosed extract from a letter of the 17th instant from a Dheloyet, whom I despatched suddenly with a summons on the preceding day to Dindigul for a man whom I lately fined under Regulation IX of 1822, and dismissed for most gross abuse of official power under the Sub Collector, on a mere suspicion supported by documentary

evidence, of an equally flagrant offence, will account to you for my anxiety to remove from my Cutcherry a high officer who instead of aiding seeks to oppose my measures. I will also add a recent occurrence that continues to confirm my suspicion of the Naib:— To a petition complaining of the venality of the head Sherestadar, returned by Government for non conformity to the petition rules, was apprehended the name of Chetumbra Pillay, a notorious writer & getter up of petitions; on sending for him to receive it one of his household said he was from home, but might probably be found at the Naib's house:— On appearance before me he acknowledged the petition, and maintained its truth but when desired to repeat to me any particulars of any of the charges, I received elicit no other answer than that they were all specified in that & in others he had addressed to your Board, & that he had not applied to me from the known impossibility to obtain justice from me:— When I sent to call him back short time after (on the 17th Inst.) to give a receipt for the petition, he was found at the Naib's house

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 23d October 1837—

I reached Dindigul at 4 p. m. and learned that before my arrival one Sholamalai had brought him a letter from Madura on receipt of which he had immediately ordered his bandy and gone away by some other road.

True Extract & translate
Signed J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

N. B. Sholamalai is known to be the hired servant or house of the Naib Sherestadar

Madura 23d. October 1837—

No. 145

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 With reference to your instructions of the 27th. March I have the honor to forward addresses of the 31st. July and 13th. Ultimo from the Ex Zemindar of Shevagunga and Ramanaden Chetty; and as the Zemindar has no longer the power to comply with your wishes I would beg to know if I may be empowered to fulfill his wishes in part, & how far, from the proceeds of the estate prior to, or in conjunction with, the liquidation of the arrears.—

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2. Ramanaden Chetty is a merchant of unblemished reputation; and I have no doubt the loan was negociated and applied for the purpose of paying the Government Kists as stated by both parties.-

3. As it is possible your Board may decline under the altered circumstances to aid in the recovery of the money, I abstain from troubling you with any recommendation of the portion to be liquidated in conjunction with the arrears for which the estate is now under assumption;- and will only observe that should your Board approve of any appropriation towards the liquidation of that debt, the merchant should be called upon to give an acquittance of all claim on account of the resumed rents & mortgages & to satisfy himself with the repayment of his principal and 12 per Cent interest accruing thereon, either in simple or compound interest as you think proper.-

4. I have purposely postponed forwarding this address till nearly ready to submit my report on the settlement of the Shevagunga Zemindary which I shall dispatch in a week.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.r

Madura 23d. October 1837.

Translation of an Address from the Zemindar of Shevagunga dated 31st. July 1837.

With reference to my Address No. 101, of the 29th. February last, acknowledging receipt of your instructions No. 85, of the 25th. of the same Month, to come to an adjust=ment of my Accounts with Ramanaden Chetty of Deva=cottah, I beg to state that it has been done:- But, in addition to the old Accounts a fresh loan of Rs. 50830-3-" was obtained from him, and one of Rs. 18086-2-" from Caroopen Chetty and Alagun Chetty (to enable me to pay my Kists) in fusly 1245; in payment of which I executed a deed of Rent to them, for fusly 1246, of 0 Koor and 12 other Maghanums and 1 Village for Rs. 38818-11-6- Of this Rs. 29114-7-" was to have been Ramanaden Chetty's as 3/4 of his share of the Rent, leaving due to him Ru=pees 21716-2-5, which he agreed to receive from the Quit Rents of Dhermasanom and Davastanom villages and

and from the revenues of Pullatoor and other Ayn villages.—
On disputes arising the rent was cancelled, & this portion of the loan now stands thus Viz.—

Amount realized from the rent	3588. 8. 3.
Do. from Dhurmasanom &ca. quit rents	6492. 10. 5
Total Collections	10081. 2. 8

which being deducted from the original loan leaves still due to him, according to the tenor of the bond, together with Interest, Rupees .... 40749. " 4
Add Actual profits accruing from assumption of the rent by me 9595. 3. 1
50,344. 3. 5

which sum I request may be disbursed from the proceeds of the present 47th. fusly.—

(Signed) B. Thagooroosamy Pariadian Tawer

(True Translate)

(Signed) J. Blackburne, Pl. Collr.

Translate of an Address from Ramanaden Chetty, merchant of Davacottah, in Ramnad.—

In acknowledging receipt of your order, No. 881, of the 24th. August last, informing me that no aid would be afforded, nor any recommendation made in my behalf to the Board of Revenue on the subject of my Address of the 16th. of the same Month, "requesting "Rs. 50344. 3. 5, being the principal due to me by the "Zemindar of Shevagunga for sums borrowed for "payment of his Kists to Government, for fusly 1245, "according to his Account Current) may be "recovered for me, with interest, from the "proceeds of the Zemindary of the Current 1247th. "fusly, as also begged by the Zemindar himself, in "his address of the 31st. July last," owing to my not submitting a Detailed Account of my claim, I beg to state that the sum of Rs. 50344. 3. 5, mentioned in my said Address, as also admitted by the Zemindar, does not include interest, which amounts to Rupees 4282. 11. 2, up to 30th. Augt. Auvany of Haevelumby 1837, making a Total of Rs. 54626. 15. 2. still due. I now forward herewith an account in detail, and beg you will be good enough to adopt such measures as

as you think proper to recover the sum for me -

13th Septr. 1837

(Signed) Ramanaden Chetty
(True Translate)
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Statement of loan to the Zemindar of Shevagunga for payment of Government Kists for fusly 1245; the Amount repaid by rents and Mortgage; and balance with interest still due to Ramanaden Chetty -

Principal of loan, acknowledged by bond of 1st Auvany Durmoky (14th August 1836) to Ramanaden Chetty and two others		68916. 5. -
Repaid by rents of lands put in their possession	38818. 11. 6	
Deduct 1/4th the share of Caroopen Chetty & the other partners		9704. 10. 11
Balance of Ramanadens 3/4 share		29114. - 7
Amount proceeds of do. 3/4 share as realized by the Zemindar in fusly 1246 & as admitted by him		38709. 3. 8
Amount Collected by Ramanaden Chetty before being dispossessed		3588. 8. 3
Balance due to Ramanaden Chetty		35120. 11. 5
Interest at 1 per Cent per Mensem from 1st Audy to 30th Avany (July to August 1837) being 2 Months. Rs.	702. 6. 7	
Previous Interest for 5 months from 1st Auvany to 15th Thye Durmoky (August to January 1837) on Rs. 29114 - 7	1601. 4. 5	
Total Interest		2303. 11. -
Total Principal & Interest due		37424. 6. 5
Amount to have been liquidated by the pledged lands		30097. 9. 6
Deduct share of the two partners		8381. 7. 1
Balance to have been liquidated on account of Ramanaden Chetty		21716. 2. 5
Deduct sums actually realized		6492. 10. 5
Balance of Ramanaden Chetty's share of principal loan		15223. 8. -
Interest at 12 per Cent per annum from 1st Avany Durmoky to 30th Auvany Haivalumby (August 1836 to September 1837) being 13 Months		1979. - 9
Total including interest & Mortgage		17202. 8. 9
Grand Total including Principal and Interest		54,626. 15. 2

Particulars

Principal sum to have been liquidated by Rent and pledged lands	50344. 3. 5
Interest thereon	4282. 11. 9
	54,626. 15. 2

13th Septr. 1837

(Signed) Ramanaden Chetty
(True Translate)
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 146.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1.- In obedience to your instructions of the 24th August I have the honor to forward the personal recognizance of Valungapooly Thaven, ex Zemindar of Cho-cumputty in Tinnevelly to amount of Rupees 3500; and of two responsible securities in the amount respectively of 4200 and 2800 Rupees each, here deviating from the letter of your instructions that each security should be to the amount of 3500 Rs.- and I request your instructions respecting withdrawall of the guard.-

2. To my requisition that he should now state whether he preferred to reside in future in the District of South Arcot or Salem, he returned for answer that he had sent his servants to make enquiries & would submit his Choice hereafter.-

3. In an address of the 24th Instant he requests me to apply either to the Collector of Tinnevelly, or, to your Board, for restitution of ornaments, Clothes, and vessels for religious purposes to the value of 16000 Rupees (no specifications) which he states to have been made over to the care of the Cutwal of Tinnevelly by the Collector.

Madura 25th October 1837.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 147

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

As promised in my letter of the 3rd Inst. I have the honor to forward Map of the Chokeys, in connexion with the principal roads and Towns of the Collectorate.-

And at the same time beg leave to bring it to your

your particular notice in the department of public works as the very creditable performance of the young man whom I recommended in my letters of the 11th November 1836 and 9th September 1837, for increased pay to extent of 50 Rs. per Mensem in the Government lands of this Collectorate; or for a pay of the same amount in the Shevagunga Zemindary – As the Civil Engineer is making arrangements to leave a Survey:or for some time for examination of the Shevagunga means of irrigation, I am no longer anxious to saddle the estate with this man's salary; but earnestly recommend the securing of his services in the Collec:torate by the above rate of pay: he has been offered the same rate in Malabar; and if the Chinna Mooli:aur project be acceded to his services will be exceed:ingly desirable here.–

Madura 26th. October 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.r

No. 148.

To
The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward a set of Teloogoo Regulations from the Sub Collector's Department as particularized in the accompanying List.–

Madura 29th. October 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.r

No. 150

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Agreeably to the instructions contained in your proceedings of the 7th August I have the honor to report that Vally Ummall has this day consented to take charge of the Guntamanaiknoor Zemindary on behalf of her son, on the Con:ditions specified in your recommendation to Government under date the 17th July, & will accordingly be kept in possession on the 12th proximo.–

Madura 31st. October 1837– (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collector

To

No 151

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen

1 Your proceedings of the 23d Ultimo reached me yesterday and in obedience to their requisition I have the honor to forward Copy of A. S. No. 216 of 1837, with translate.

2 My reasons for disapproving of the Sub Collrs Conduct in this case are that the ground in question had been held for many years (24) on the tenure which he disturbed without any communication with me; and without any necessity for so harsh a measure

3. If the Polligar declines the advice I proposed should be given him with a view to Compromise, I am of opinion he should be held responsible because he has had all the benefit of the act, and because he has expressed in writing his wish to let the cause come to a trial, & his readiness to be responsible for the result.

Madura 3d Novr 1837 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 152

To. The President and Members of the Board of Revn.
Fort St George

Gentlemen

1 I have the honor to forward English Translates of my decision against Sashughery Rao, late Tamil Gomastu in the Sub Collector's Cutcherry, under Regulation IX of 1822; and of all the correspondence betwixt the Sub Collector and myself on the subject.

Also of four letters written by the said Gomastu whilst in the Sub Collector's Establishment, his acknowledgment of 3 of them, and the reason to believe him the writer of the fourth; and of the brief correspondence with the Sub Collector arising out of that transaction:

And, finally, correspondence with the Joint Magte arising out of his belief and attempt to prove impropriety against Annaujee Rao, another Gomastu (and Son of the Head Sheristadar)

:dar / of his Cutcherry, on the unrecorded, and / by me supposed / ma:
:licious accusation of the above dismissed Servant, Sashagherry Rao.

2 If my decision against this man had been sufficient to keep him out of Mischief, I should have been well pleased to have avoided troubling you in the Matter, but as he still appears to possess the Ear of the Sub Collector, and to influence him in his public acts, I have deemed it my duty to submit the whole to shew the deception he has successfully practised on that Officer; and to urge therefrom the advisability that he should be declared by Government "unworthy to hold any "office under it hereafter" -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura 8th November 1837

No 153

To the President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

Enclosure referred to in the records

I beg to report the death of Vencatasubah Bagavader, Jeomedar No 25, on the 3d Ultimo, and to state that his son Gopaula Bagavader has petitioned for renewal of the Jeomeah in his name, to enable him to perform the duties in the Meenachee Pagoda, as his ancestors had hitherto done,

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on referring to the Purwanah granted by the Nawab Mahomed alli Khan Saheb, it appears the Jeomeah was granted accord:ing to a former order, alluded to in the Purwanah, of Mahomed Mooneer addin Khan Bahader; which, also, states the Jeomeah was granted on some other former order not now forthcoming.

× Originals & their transla:tions are sent

I beg to submit a Statement in the usual form as the family have no other support, for tho' the deceased had 2½ Cawnees of Nunjeh land in Jagapoorum Village of Maroongaupoory Talook, it has been Mortgaged for 40 Pags

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura 8th Novr 1837-

No 154

To The President and Member
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

In Consequence of the aid hitherto afforded by Government in dragging the larger Car of the Meenatchee Pagoda

Pagoda being discontinued, [illegible]
sometimes occurring by its size and unwieldiness, I beg
leave to enclose an Estimate for a much smaller one
capable of being dragged by 50 or 60 persons, 16 feet high, &
7 broad, at a cost of Rs. 1779-8- to be defrayed from
the Surplus funds of the Pagoda which I beg to recommend
for your Sanction.— (Signed) L. Blackburne
Princ. Collector

Madura
10th Novr. 1837

No. 155

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that no
Goods or Salt were seized, or confiscated in last
Month.— (Signed) L. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura
11th November
1837

No. 156

To
The President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

1.— The Principal Collector of Salem
intimates to me, in his letter of the 31st Ultimo, that he
has despatched one Garce of wheat on 9 Bandies
to Davadanapetty in Dindigul, for the use of the
Hill Ryots; that the price of it is 260 Rs. and the hire
of the Carts Rs. 81, making in all Rs. 341, for which
request you will, with reference to your proceedings
of the 14th December 1836, be pleased to obtain the sanc-
-tion of Government.—

2.— As the season for sowing barley
has passed away, I have this day addressed the
Principal Collector of Coimbatoor requesting him
to take no further trouble in my application to
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pine of the 16th ultimo for seed of that description:-

Madura
17th November 1837 } (Signed) L. Blackburne
Princ.l Collector

No 157.

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen

1. On the 1st Ultimo I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 18th September, on the subject of exempting from duty low priced Cloths, with a view to alleviate the condition of the poorer classes:- As your object is confined to relief of the poor, it will be attained by exempting from duty Cloths not exceeding 1 Rupee in Value, which is the kind in general use amongst them:- Those from 1 to 2 Rupees in Value being commonly worn by the better classes as upper Cloths and for night service.

2. The accompaniment No 1, is the Estimate you require; and for your further information I beg to submit the subjoined, in addition, shewing the Estimated Collections on piece goods & proportion those of different values bear to each other.

Cloths	Estimated Collection			Percentage		
	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p
1 Rupee Value	20538	7	10	20	1	9
2 Ditto	39980	12	7	39	2	5
3. 4. and 5 Ditto	35349	12	5	34	9	10
Above 5 Ditto	6254	9	1	6	2	0
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The Exemption of the 1st Class from duty will not permit of the reduction of a single Chokey.

3. The orders of the 21st June 1824, for the exemption of home made Cloths from duty, are in full force in this district. I look upon them as opening a door to fraud exceedingly diffi-

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cult to check, and should be glad to see them annulled, for which the introduction of the proposed measure would afford a favorable opportunity.— Now that the duties are collected without the intervention of renters I purpose confining the imposition of the Mash Chop to the single month of Janʸ, the season of the Pungal, when new Cloths are generally put on by Natives.

4. I hope you will excuse my uncalled for submission of Statement No 2, shewing the small amount collected on all the 36 taxable articles united, with exception of, and in comparison with, those of Piece goods, Betel and Tobacco.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinˡ Collector

Madura 15th Novʳ 1837

No 150

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen

With reference to the 4th para of your letter of the 1st Decʳ 1834, I have the honor to inform you that Anthony Moottoo, a Merchant of Keelakurray, Exported from the sea port of Teremoolloyvasal in Tanjore, a quantity of Paddy and Rice, and produced a Rowanah for 4 Garces of Paddy. On Examining the quantity an Excess of 86 Mercals were found, which the Merchant accounts for by stating that the Grain had got wet in the rain; but as it does not appear to be the Case, & the Excess may very probably be in the difference of measurement between the two Districts, I have directed the grain to be released on security, & request to be favored with your instructions as to the disposal of it—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedᵗ Servant
(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinˡ Collʳ

Madura
15th November
1837—

No 159 212 429

To The President & Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

On the 17th I had the honor to receive your proceedings of the 12th Ultimo, with Copy of a despatch of the 22d March from the Honorable the Court of Directors, calling for my early report on the extent to which I deem it just & adviseable to reduce the Peshcush on the Edeacottah estate, to enable the Polligar to resume its management, and calling also for a similar report respecting the Mambaray estate -

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2. The accompanying Statement shews the very varying annual Collections, and average of different series both under the Polligar & the Collector, and it is worthy of observation that the average Collections under the two superintendences vary but a trifle, each being 88 & 89. and a fraction percent of the Peshkush, or nearly 12 percent less. - The first average (of 4 years) is the highest, & gives a large surplus above the Peshkush,

Rs. 14603
Rs. 9782

not one of the other averages nearly equals that amount, and the Polligar accounts for the peculiar success of that period by the influx of non resident Ryots from Coimbettor in consequence of the insurrection of Tumbia Gownden, from whom Mr. Hurdis took security for lands at so high a rate for 3 years, that as soon as their engagements were fulfilled, they at once returned again into Coimbettore.

The average from Fusly 1238 to 1240, whilst under the Management of Mr. Viveash & myself, has not exceeded Rupees 6127. per annum -

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3 The Polligar acknowledges having entered into a written engagement to Mr. Viveash to resume his estate on reduction of the Peshkush to Rupees 7491, the proposed average gross Collections of 19 years (the correct average appears to be 8149); but is unwilling to be held to that agreement & hopes the Government may be willing to reduce it to Rupees 7000; and put him again in possession at the commencement of the ensuing fusly (1248). And I beg to recommend compliance with this proposal, for when 5 per cent be deducted, on account of Sibbendy Charges, and 10 per cent as a fair profit to the Polligar, the average of the Polligars whole period of possession will give only Rupees 7465; & the average of the Collector's management Rupees 7357 - making the average net Collections of 37 years Rupees 7424 -

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4. The capabilities of the estate are detailed in Mr. Viveash's letter of the 20th April 1833.

5. The information called for regarding Maumbarray shall be furnished as soon as the accounts can be collected for the early fuslies.

Madura 15th Novr. 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prind. Collector

To the President and Members (No. 160).
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 Your letter of the 6th Instant, Calling for the original proceedings in the Appeal of Sashagherry Rao, reached me on the 15th, and tho' I think the receipt of a letter I had the honor to dispatch to you on the 8th, with documents in proof, may have rendered any answer to your present Commands unnecessary, I will rather risk to trouble you with repetition & detail, than give room for supposing I adm... the ill defined Charge of Conspiracy, preferred by the Sub Collector against me, and apparently against my Sheristadar and everyone whose

Enclosures referred to kept in the records

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whose evidence went to Convict his protegé of fraud.

2 On the 27th April Certain Merchants of Kattagoontah Complained to me that their Bazars & houses had been demolished by the Tasildar in consequence of disputes amongst the Mahajanums; I desired them to prefer their Complaint before the Joint Magistrate, and mean time directed the Tasildar to maintain the peace of the Village:– On the 8th of May he reported the particulars of the Case to me; on which I addressed a Memo: to the SubCollector (not an order to the Tasildar) desiring him to keep the then incumbent of the Vedavirthee Manium in possession, & to leave the former possessor, who had resigned 17 years previously, to prosecute his claim, if he saw proper, in the Civil Court.

3 If my Statements so far be credited I think it must either be admitted that the SubCollector is still ignorant of the Merits of the Case, or has put it in false Colours before your Board, when he says he understood the "Sheristadar had promised to send an order in favor of Arna-"chella Sastry's <u>nomination</u> to the Succession to the Enaum, "to the prejudice of Vydeenaunda Jada Vallabur, stated to be the "Meerasi heir, because the former had gained the Sherista-"dars favor:" Suppressing altogether the Material fact that the Sastry had been already long in possession.

4 Receiving no answer to my Memo: of May, and understanding my desire had not been Carried into effect, I addressed another Memo: to him, on the 13th June to which he replied, on the 18th, by informing me he disapproved of my decision and had therefore passed one himself

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which he forwarded for my information, and stated he had directed it to be put into execution, but that if an Appeal was made I might reverse it if I pleased, which he thought was all the Authority I had right to claim in the matter, as the Complaint had been originally preferred before him, prior to the receipt of my Memo:- Now the dates of the one Complaint and two depositions of witnesses (being all the documents in the case) had been evidently altered to agree with the assertion contained in the Sub Collector's letter:- The falsification of the dates appeared to me most satisfactorily proved by the evidence of other Gomastees of the Sub Collector's Cutcherry, and it clearly appeared the Conduct of the Enquiry into the Inam Case had been abandoned to the irresponsible Gomastee, on 17½ rupees pay, to the exclusion of the responsible Sheristadar; and this in a case which the Sub Collector well knew I had already Judged:- I thought, too, the Vullober own evidence conclusive that he had not presented the Complaint at Dindigul on the day pretended; and it seems to me much more likely the Tamil Gomastee of the Sub Collector's Cutcherry, believed generally to enjoy his Superior's favor in a high degree, should have received a bribe to disturb the Manium possession, than that the head Sheristadar should have required one to maintain it.

5. If indeed the Complaint regarding the Manium had been filed by the Sub Collector prior to the receipt of my memo: of the 11th May, why did he not then communicate the fact to me? but the Sub Collector acknowledges himself, in his reproof of the Nellacottah Tasildar, on the 21st June, that he knew nothing of the Complaint in question till it was brought to his notice.

notice by my Memo:— and this reproof was also in the hand-
writing of Sashagherry Rao.

6. Tho' the Sub Collector more than once alludes to the Tamil Gomastu falling a victim to a Conspiracy, "a Cunningly Contrived and mischievous Conspiracy" his insinuation as to who the Conspirators are are too vague to allow me to answer them with any certainty that I should defend the people he accuses, but the Allusion in the last para: objecting to the Man's being tried "virtually "by the person who in my opinion has been plotting his ruin" must have reference to myself or my Sheristadar— as I believe the Sub Collector does not presume to doubt my honesty, I will Content myself (unless called upon to prove that I am not the blind dupe he seems to suspect me) with regretting he should have imbibed so low an opinion of me: and with respect to my Sheristadar, will not his 32 years Service in the Judicial and Revenue Depart[ment] without a reproof being ever recorded against him; will not the recorded approbation of my predecessor here— will not my own Annually renewed testimonials in his favor since 1834; will not the recorded satisfaction of your Board and Government with his conduct, and late increase of pay; will not the records before your Board that not one public servant of the higher grades (which alone come before your Board's notice) has been dismissed since begining of 1834; ought not all this to be sufficient protection to him against a charge of fraud and Conspiracy to obtain the remova[l] of One Gomastu from the Sub Collector's Office?

7 In the letter giving cover to the Memo: the Subcollector lays great weight on the high character of the late Tamil Gomasta, Sashagherry Roo, or as he was originally named Sashachellamien, and on his own entire approbation of his conduct since 1833:- Till his appointment, about that time, to the situation from which I have dismissed him, I believe he never held any situation under Government, having previously employed himself as a Writer of Regimental Abstracts:- Being the only Tamil Gomastie in the Office, all endorsed petitions are finally forwarded thro' him to the Talooks- and these have often lain for Months in his dufter after the Subcollector's endorsements have been signed- yet this Conduct never seems to have met the Anger of the Subcollector or to have raised a Suspicion that they might be with held till the parties paid some thing for their being put into effect; and if this has never been found out by the Subcollector or brought to his notice by the Sheristadar, is there not cause to believe there is a want of efficiency in Superintendence and a degree of dishonesty in the Gomastie? When Mr. Lockhart went to Act at Coimbattore he took this man with him, tho' still drawing the pay in this Collectorate, and when on two occasions he was absent from hence, on leave, he so made his arrangements that when the rest of the Cutcherry were sent to me the man in question was irregularly kept from his proper duty and appointed to the care of the records or some such business to be retained at Dindigul- the injudicious conduct which led the people to think he possessed greater influence with the Subcollector than he ought to have done, and perhaps did, I have reason to doubt (no proof) has been productive of considerable fraud in the Dindigul Division, where I believe his dismission has given much satisfaction.

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8 I do not feel clear that the Sub Collector's objections to the conviction, tho' not to the trial, of Sashagherry Rāo, under Regulation IX of 1822, may not have weight, for there is a want of proof (tho' I think not of inference) that the falsification of the dates was a necessary consequence of the attempt to counteract my decision, and was induced by bribery.

9 The petition in appeal with the Sub Collector's memo: is returned; and documents forwarded as specified in the accompanying list.

I have the honor to be
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(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
17th November
1837

No. 161

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit a revised statement of actual charges, incurred without Estimate, on account of Sauderwared and Extra charges in the Magisterial Department in July 1246, as required by your letter of the 13th Instant, this day received.

I have the honor to be
&c.
(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
20th November
1837

No. 162

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 With reference to your proceedings of the 16th Ultimo, inclining to approve of the recommendation of the Sub Collector that

that remission should be granted to the Abkarry renter of Dindigul in consequence of the unexpected removal of the Regiment from that place & disapproving of my opinion to the contrary, I have the honor to forward the information you there call for, in the accompanying Statement.

2 The renter, it seems, admits to have collected as much in the fusly in question (1246) as he had done in the preceding one, with exception of Rupees 345; and admits there is an outstanding balance due to him of 251 Rupees thus reducing his collections in 1246 to only Rupees 94 below those of the preceding fusly. Of the outstanding balances of 251 Rupees against 48 persons, 63 Rupees have been since collected.

3 It remains for your Board's consideration if the whole balance of 800 Rupees should be remitted, as recommended by the Sub Collector, or only a portion; or if you may not, on this explanation, think it advisable to sanction the sale of the defaulter's property. The 45th Regiment have arrived at Dindigul this month.

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Madura
21st November
1837

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

(No. 163)

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 With reference to my letter of the 15th Instant I have now the honor to forward two Statements of the annual revenue of the Maunbarey Pollum, and the same explanation as was afforded in the case of Ediacottah, is applicable to the high revenue of this Pollum in fusly 1212; It comprises only three Punjah Villages, the soil of which is very poor & stony, and

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and its extreme poverty may be judged of from the trifling Collections whilst under assumption from Fusly 1242 to 46:– there are, moreover, no resident Cultivators within the Pollum.

2. The average of 35 Years gives an annual net revenue of Rupees 1788–5–8;– The average from 1242 to 46, whilst under assumption, is only Rupees 1096–13–1.–

Prior to the Survey the Polligar paid an annual Peshkush of Star Pagodas 228–20–46–(Rupees 799–9–7):– Mr. Hurdis, in his Survey, estimated the tax at Rs. 3220–7–8 and setting aside 30 per cent (Rs. 966–1–8) as a fair portion for the Polligar, fixed his peshkush at the remaining 70 per cent or Rs. 2254–6–..

The Polligar consents to pay 1500 Rupees per annum; and tho' it is 33⅒ per cent below the former peshcush I am constrained to recommend it as appearing just.

I have the honor to be
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Madura
21st November
1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

(No. 164)

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. Yesterday I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 6th Instant on the advisability or otherwise of continuing the issue of Grants of Land, for the Support of Choultries erected by individuals, for the accomodation of native travellers; and beg to offer my opinion that the measure is most excellent, and perfect, requiring no modification of any kind, and has been productive, to the insufficient

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extent carried in this Collectorate of great Comfort, and safety to the traveller and to the Country in their neighbourhood.—

2. For the improvement of internal Commerce, and Convenience and safety of the Merchant and traveller, are mainly required good roads, shaded by avenues, protected by an efficient police, and provided with accomodation at reasonable distances:— And to these three objects I think the public have a fair right to expect the liberal aid of Government:— The making and repair of roads, and maintenance of their police, tho' a heavy expense in the first instance is (I am certain in this Collectorate) soon indirectly repaid, and content and prosperity diffused where would otherwise have been scarcity, poverty and fear:— And tho' these two advantages were gained, how very much would still be wanting if the care of the traveller was confined to his safety from banditti and the fracture of his conveyances and Merchandize, and no halting places provided for him in the desolate Country he must often pass thro' in going from one large town to another. And how trifling is the expense of securing this third object in comparison with the other two.— A Choultry built on a spot wisely selected is a nucleus for a rising Village or bazar, where the traveller will find all those requisites which he must otherwise have carried with him; besides protection from the heats of day or dews of night or fear of wild beasts or robbers; and the ryot and retailer are there assured of a market for any small supplies they have to dispose of, which they must otherwise have carried to some distant Cusbah.

3. But I am perhaps unnecessarily taking up

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your time in advocating the advantages of Choultries instead of at once meeting the question if the support of Government is necessary; and to this point also I beg to offer my opinion that in this Collectorate it is indispensible — Many Choultries are raised by Subscription, in which case, endowments are hardly ever heard of:- And where Natives are rich enough to endow their Choultries I have generally found the place selected for them is in the neibourhood of some large town, or place esteemed holy, and here probably many congregated together, without any consideration for the worldly convenience of the public:- The endowment by Government induces the builder to listen to the reasoning and advice of the local authority; and his adherence to the very sufficient rules, laid down by Government, insures erection of a Building sufficient for the wants of the time and in the spots most desirable. The highest aid given by Government (and it is sufficient) is land to be newly brought under cultivation taxed at 60 Rupees per annum:- supposing the full amount to be obtained, it gives only 5 Rupees a month for the maintenance of a sweeper to keep the place clean, and to shut and open the doors, and to afford the wearied traveller a little butter milk, whilst he is preparing his own meal. The sweeper I look upon as indispensible - and the buttermilk as a great comfort and charity, peculiarly acceptable to the Hindus; and it has been with exceeding regret that I have seen in some instances the Government have restrained their liberality to grants of land of 40 R

45 Rupees taxation, because the buildings in question were of less size and cost than others - With deference I beg to offer my opinion that the Collector should never recommend a choultry too small for the wants of the spot; but that in no case should the endowment be less than land of 60 Rupees taxation:- That my predecessor viewed this measure with approbation I judge from his practise when here, and I mention it both because I believe he well knew, and entered into, the wants of the natives, and because I believe his opinion will have weight with Government.

4. To nine choultries, built by the Carnatic Rulers, the support of Government has been extended, and seven have been since erected under the rules in force, in this Collectorate; their benefit to individuals; and indirect profit to Government will be evident to any one passing thro' the Country, and taking the subject into his consideration; and the great Madras and Palamcottah road, in the 77 Miles it runs thro' this district, requires no more:- but on other roads 7 more seem to me to be urgently required, and I still hope to see these built before I leave the Collectorate:- They are two on the road from Trichinopoly to Dindigul via Manapar; 2 on the Continuation of that road from Dindigul to Pylney; and 2 on the Continuation or fork of the same road from Dindigul via Ediacottah to Dharapoorom:- And one on the road from Thiroomun=galom by the newly opened and unfinished pass of Aundi=putty to Pereacolum.-

I have the honor to be
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Madura
21st November 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No. 165

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter of application for leave of absence from Mr. Lockhart, Sub Collector of this District.

Madura 28th November 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Coll.

No. 166.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In the grand bazar street of this town is a piece of unoccupied ground, belonging to the Meenatchee pagoda, which for the convenience of Bazar men, and for improvement of the appearance of the town, I am very desirous should be built upon; and beg leave to recommend sanction of the accompanying estimate for three bazars to be erected out of the surplus funds of the pagoda, to which a return will be made by the rent.

Madura 29th November 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 167

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen.

Petition, No. 816 of 1837, bearing your endorsement, was presented me on the 28th Ultimo. I have the honor to return it. The facts set forth in the petition are substantially correct: and it was in consequence of a long address sent by the Tasildar of Iyemipully, in answer to instructions conformable to my Memo: to the Sub Collector of the 4th August 1836, and received by me, in consequence of that gentleman's absence on leave, bringing to my notice that the opponents to the petitioner's client were the widows of her brother, were in utter destitution, had an apparently fairer claim in law, as certainly in consanguinity,

=quinity to a share in the land; that the male heir was entirely extinct, & that petitioner's clients' object was to exclude them effectually from participation in favor of her son in law, that I hesitated to inforce my decision, in the consciousness that the refusal to alter the pottah could neither affect her rights or possession, and in the hope that it might be the means of inducing an equitable compromise without the necessity of a heavy loss to whichever party should be gainer by a reference to the Civil Courts.-

The property belonged to Chinnamungalun Gowndan, whose only daughter was the Petitioner's client; but he had also two sons, to the eldest of whom, Palany Gownden, the property came on his decease, as head of the house; and on his death without issue, leaving only a widow, Kalakkāl, the charge of it was assumed by his brother, Samia Gownden; - he also died without issue, leaving only the widow, Chede akkāl, when petitioner's client, as senior of the family, assumed the charge: - By the Hindû law the property is bonâ fide the right of the widows of the sons (the opponents) & not at all of the daughter (or sister of the brothers) and I therefore recommend the Pottah should undergo no change, but leave the law to take its course.

Madura 1st December 1837 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 168

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In reply to your proceedings of the 23d Ult; received this day, I have the honor to forward transcript and translate of address of the Devastanum Peshkar applying for a new and small Car for the Meenatchee Pagoda:-

When the letter of the 10th Ult: was sent you the surplus funds amounted to Rs. 28514-13-7. as there represented; on this date they are Rs. 29172-6-11-

Madura 2d Decr. 1837.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 786

Translation of an Address from Seenoass row, Peshcar of the Meenatchee Pogoda to the Principal Collector of Madura

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the
order

order, No. 176, forwarding Copy of a plan, and Estimate made for the Car, in Kalanyvasul Pagoda in Shevagunga Zemindary, and directing me, to obtain the opinion with attachees of the stanegau[ls] of the Meenatchee Pagoda, if one can be prepared in lieu of the one now much injured, and in obedience thereto I beg to forward the United attachee of Shunmogasoonder butter, and Soobah butte[r] Stanegauls on the part of Vickarumapandya butter and Cooppa butter, and Meenatchee butter, Stanegauls on the part of Holasagara butter, Stating that as the present Car of the Unmen is old and difficult to be dragged, a new one should be prepared according to the plan & Estimate of the Kalany:vasal Pagoda Car, and that the Unmen can be brought in procession upon it - please to know this -

Madura
7th Octr. 1837 }

(Signed) Seenevassrow
Peshcar

(True translate)

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l. Col.

No. 169

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In your proceedings of the 14th September, you inform me the Civil Engineer would be directed to report upon the ascent of the Pylney hills - he has not yet received any instructions on the subject - should you think proper to give them now it would enable him to make his arrange:ments for meeting me there in the middle of March, when I am promised also a visit from Mr. Fischer of Salem, from whose acquaintance with hill products and agriculture I hope to obtain advantage - he has already been so obliging as to furnish me with a considerable quantity of young Coffee plants, part of which the Ryots permitted me to plant for them after much persuasion. - Some have come to complain to me that they have been begged to receive the seed wheat, that has been carried up to them at so great an expence - Their timidity and fear of oppression and innovation will not be easily surmounted -

Madura 4th Decr. 1837 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l. Collr.

No. 170.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. The ex Zemindar of Chockumputty has this day apprized me that his servant has not yet returned to

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enable him to make up his mind whether he prefers Salem or South Arcot for his future residence; added to which he says he has as yet received no answer to his claim to restitution of his Cloths Jewels &ca from the acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

2. I have no reason to believe the first part of his assertion; the second is I believe correct; and this in consequence of his following my advice to make a direct application to the Tinnevelly authority, before I received your instructions, that I have not thought it necessary to put myself in correspondence with that officer on the subject.—

3. The ex Zemindar does not seem willing to remove further from Tinnevelly:— the guard has been withdrawn on his own recognizance not to absent himself without my consent, and admission of a peon each day to verify his presence; he passes his time in solitude and prayer.— (Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 4th Decr 1837. Prinl Collr

No 171

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward Statements of Receipts and Disbursements of the Davastanoms and Chuttroms in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul, supported by Government, in lieu of lands allotted to them, for fusly 1246.— (Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 4th Decr 1837. Prinl Collr

No 172

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

1. At the request of Mr Lockhart I beg leave to urge the cancel or retransmission of his letter and Memo: of the 24th October, and of all the documents and correspondence consequent upon it.— and should you, in reference to my letter recommending the dismission of Shashagherry Rao, with bar to his being ever again employed in the public service, have thought proper to submit the correspondence for the consideration of Government, we

we unite in hoping you will be so good as to effect its re=call, and excusing the trouble to which we have too precipitately put you, leave it as tho' it had never been written.—

2 Mr. Lockharts accusations tended, as I imagined, towards the Sheristadar, but reflexion has satisfied him they were ungrounded and he has never since ceased to reproach himself for having admitted or given them utterance— indeed he is now at a loss to account for having done so:— He willingly admits the impropri=ty of having addressed you at all on this subject; and is extremely sorry for the appearance there may be of a wish to screen an offender or throw difficulties in the way of my enquiry; as also of the impropriety of bringing his judgement, even tho' correct, into collision with that pronounced against a third person by a superior autho=rity.—

3 It was from a conscienscious belief in the propriety of his own judgement on the original question of the Mirassee right to the Vadavirthee Manium, and the acquiescence of his Sheristadar and other Cucherry servants when he addressed his letter to me on the subject of the dates, and a belief that my decision had authoritatively shut the door to the possibility of the claimant procuring redress, in as much as his case was not cognizable by the Civil Courts, (and overlooking that redress would have been at once attained in case of wrong by petition to your Board) that he took the step for which he has been so sorry, but which he took with the best possible intentions.—

4 My letters and the documents I offered in proof to lead you to believe the late Gomastu had an improper & undue influence with Mr. Lockhart, that Gentleman cannot admit:— to me it seemed pal-pable that he did make it appear to others that he had such influence & therein his purposes were answered; and I can readily credit that the influence was exercised without Mr. Lockhart's being aware of it.—

5 We once more beg to unite in respectfully praying that the correspondence may be entirely obliterated.—

Madura Dindigul 5th Decr. 1837.— (Signed) J. Blackburne

Princl. Col. ...

No. 173

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In reference to the accompaniment of your Circular of the 13th April last, I have the honor to bring to your Notice that hitherto, with exception of one occasion for the balance of fusly 1223, in Ramnad, interest has never been demanded on arrears of Revenue in this Collectorate.—

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Under date the 22d April Government sanctioned the postponement of part of the Kists of last fusly till corresponding periods of the current one in the Pollums noted in the Margin, in consequence of the exceeding drought, but the arrears of Shevagunga exceeded the amount permitted by Government to lay over, by Rs. 87771. 6. 11 at the end of the fusly;— With the exception then of this surplus, the consideration of which I beg to leave entirely to your Board, I beg to recommend, in conformity to the concluding orders of Government in the Minutes of Consultation of the 9th January 1835, that no interest whatever should be charged on the arrears.—

Madura 8th December 1837. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 174

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. On the 4th Instant I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 30th Ult, accompanied by Copy of a correspondence with Government, and directing that lands cultivated with Sugar cane by irrigation should be taxed henceforth in the same manner as land employed in the Cultivation of Rice.—

2. In the 4th para: of your letter to Govt. of the 12th June you have shewn the assessment of Sugar cane lands in Madura is virtually the same as of Rice lands:— But you have made no note of Dindigul where the tax on Rice land varies very greatly in different villages; in Paidicomboo Cusbah, for example

ple, from 18 to 6. Cully fanams per Goontah, in consequence of which the late Mr. Peter fixed 30 Cully fanams as an uniform general tax, per guntah, on all rice lands cultivated with Sugar cane; without reference to its survey estimate of capabilities:- As an example I beg leave to forward a Statement of the tax demandable on land cultivated respectively with paddy or Sugar cane in two villages of the Tavdycomboo talook in Dindigul; and therefore beg to communicate to you my intention, unless I hear from you shortly to the contrary, to reduce the tax on Sugar cane in the district of Dindigul, in strict adherence to the letter of your Instructions.-

Madura 8th Decr. 1837.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 175

To
The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 Two days ago I had the honor to receive your letter of the 4th instant, and hasten to forward the Statement of English Regulations in my own (and the Sub Collector's) Office, previously called for on the 24th April, and to state no others seem requisite.-

2 I beg to apologize for my own oversight of that letter;- those who are answerable to me for the neglect throw the blame on each other.-

Madura 13th Decr. 1837.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 176

To
The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state there are no returns for the last Month for the following statements.-

Goods Confiscated
Salt Confiscated.

Madura
15th December 1837 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

To

No. 177

To

The President and Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to the Extract from your proceedings of the 24th October 1836 I have the honor to request you will let me know if the pamphlet therein alluded to was sent me, as I can neither find it nor has any one recollection of having seen it –

Madura 16th Decr. 1837 –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 178

To

The President and Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In conformity with the instructions contained in the Extract from your Proceedings under date the 4th Instant, received on the 15th, I have the honor to request you will cause publication of sale of lands as per Statement contained in my letter of the 3d Octr.

Madura
Moottenaindell
17th Decr. 1837 –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 179

To

The President and Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1\. I had yesterday the honor to receive your letter of the 7th Instant, giving Cover, amongst others, to Petition No. 902 of 1837, directing my report upon it with reference to my indorsement of the 16th March, your above indorsed directions bearing date the 23d. Ultimo –

2\. The Petitioners addressed me claiming payment of Rs. 1927 . 7 1, as due to them from the revenues of their Inam village from fusly 1216 to 1225, and for 1237: which had been in deposit in the Madura treasury, but swallowed up with the other

defalcation

defalcations prior to the year A. D. 1828.- 221 449

They have fair claim to the Urdomaniem or half of the revenue of the Arasaputty village, which it is usual for them to receive at the Completion of each annual settlement; at which time, they were also entitled to receive the surplus of the revenues of the Ponoongady village after deduction of the Poroopoo or Quit Rent; for tho' no reason for such practise is apparent, this village also has ever been settled by the Government officers.-

3. The claims admitted by Government against this treasury under date the 27th August of last year, amounted to Rupees 29523-13-6; but up to the end of last Month claims to the amount of only Rs. 15,300 have been received & verified for the instructions of your Board in the 5th para: of your proceedings of the 8th August 1836 directing all old claims to be scrutinized have been carefully attended to.-

4. Petitioner's claim for what was due on account of fusly 1237 was readily admitted and the full amount Viz: Rs. 607-5-5. paid them:— But as they could afford no satisfactory reason for having allowed the sums due from 1216 to 1225, to lie unclaimed, and had thereby been from their own neglect, the cause or accessories to their own loss I did not think myself at liberty to comply with their request.-

The accounts shew that they had a fair claim to Rupees 1320. 1. 8 on account of these years which has not been disbursed to them.-

Madura
Partepanelloor
20th December 1837

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r

No. 150

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 I had last night the honor to receive the extract from your Proceedings of the 11th Instant desiring me to return the appeal of Sashagherry Rao as soon as practicable with any explanation of the circumstances I may think fit to offer:- I have accordingly the honor to return it and translate of the decision and hope I may be allowed to reserve my explanations till I am made aware on what points they are thought necessary.-

2 I have returned to the Sub Collector his letter to your Board of the 24th October with its inclosed Memo:-

I have erased from my records mine of the 8th & 17th November to your Board; and I have the honor to return yours of the 6th of the same Month.-

3 The documents mentioned as returned in the Margin of your Board's letter now under reply have not been received with exception of the following.-

From Sub Collr. to the Board 24th October 1837-

From Principal Collector 8th November; with inclosures 1. to 3.-

From Principal Collector 17th November with inclosures being copies of 2 letters of the 19th and 25th October to the Joint Magistrate; and of 2 from that Gentleman of the 24th and 27th of the same Month.-

From Principal Collector to Board 5th December.-

Madura
Cadoogasunthai
26th December 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.
To.

To

No. 181. 222 / 451

The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to my letter of the 26th Instant I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of the papers which I then reported deficient to the particulars shewn in the Margin of yours of the 11th of the same Month; and I have now the honor to retransmit the original decision against Sashagherry Rao alias Sashachellom.—

Madura
Keelakarrai
29th December 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 182

To
The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 6th November which I stated in mine of the 26th Instant as being returned in it was accidentally withheld from the packet because one of the paragraphs related to an entirely different subject:— I have now the honor to amend the omission and if you think proper request you will be so good as to retransmit me an authenticated Copy of the 1st Para:—

Madura
Moottoopettah
30th December 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.